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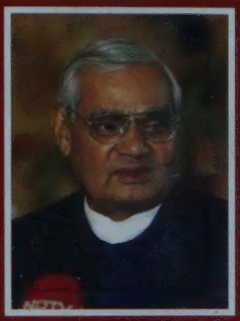

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INDIA

India is the seventh largest country of the world and located in Southern Asia. India is the second largest in population. Its length from north to south is about 3,200 km while the breadth from east to west is about 2,900 km. The width of India is maximium at the centre and it decreases towards the south.

The southern part is a peninsula, which is surrounded by the Arabian Sea along the west coast and the Bay of Bengal along the east coast. Indian Ocean is in the south. The southernmost tip of the mainland of India is at Kanyakumari and however the southernmost tip of the country is Indira Point in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have common boundary with India. **New Delhi** is the capital of India.

Area	:	32, 87,263 Sq. kms
Population	:	1.21 billion or 121,01,93,422(Male 624 million & Females 899.5 million) 2011 census
Sex Ratio	:	940 per 1000 males
Density of Population	:	382 per sqkm
Land Frontier	:	15,200 kms
Coastline Length	:	7600 kms
National Capital	:	**New Delhi**
Number of States	:	**29**
No. of Union Territories	:	**6**
Villages	:	6,40,000
Towns and Cities	:	5,161
National Anthem	:	'Jana-gana-mana'
National Language	:	Hindi
National Currency	:	₹ (Rupee)
Literacy Rate	:	74.04 % (Male 82.14 % Female 65.46 %)
Major Occupation	:	Agriculture

Frontiers

South	:	Indian Ocean and Sri Lanka
North	:	Himalaya, China and Nepal
West	:	Pakistan and Arabian Sea
East	:	Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan

Physical Regions of India

India can be physically divided into four regions as follows

1. The Himalayan Region
2. The Deccan Plateau
3. The Northern Plains
4. The Coastal Plains

Climate

Generally India has a tropical monsoon type of climate. There are four seasons in India

1. Winter	:	December - February
2. Summer	:	March - May
3. Monsoon Rain	:	June - September
4. Post Monsoon Rain	:	October - November

Rivers of India

Sl. No.	Name	Source	Length (in kms)	Out flow into
1	**Sindhu**	Mount Kailas in Tibet	2900	Arabian Sea
2.	**Brahmaputra**	Manasasarovar	2688	Bay of Bengal
3.	**Ganga**	Gangothri Glacier in the Himalayas	2640	Bay of Bengal
4.	**Godavari**	Western Ghats	1450	Bay of Bengal
5.	**Krishna**	Western Ghats	1290	Bay of Bengal
6.	**Narmada**	Northernmost portion of the Deccan Plateau	1289	Arabian Sea
7.	**Mahanadi**	Northwest of the Deccan Plateau	890	Bay of Bengal
8.	**Cauvery**	Western Ghats	760	Bay of Bengal

Islands

Nearly 247 Islands are under Indian Sovereignty. Out of 247 slands, 204 Islands are in the Bay of Bengal and the remaining are in ıe Arabian Sea.

'rincipal Mountain Ranges

. The Himalayas
. The Patkai
. The Vindhyas
. The Aravalli
The Satpura
The Western Ghats
The Eastern Ghats

Soils

Indian Soils can be divided into four types

Alluvial Soil

ɔund in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, West Bengal, Rajasthan.

. **Red Soil**

ɔund in Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, 1adhya Pradesh, Odissa (Orissa).

. **Black Soil**

ɔund in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and some arts of Karnataka and Tamilnadu.

. **Laterite Soil**

ɔund in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and dissa (Orissa).

Types of Forests

. **Dry Forests :** Which are found in where rain fall is below 20 inches as ı Rajasthan and some dry tracts of Deccan and Punjab.

. **Tidal (Mangrove) Forests :** Found along the sea coast and in the stuaries of rivers and Andamans

. **Hill Forests :** Found in Deccan mountains and Himalayas.

. **Evergreen forests :** Found where the rain fall is more than 80 inches ıd in Western Ghats.

Indian States at a Glance

	State	Area(in sq.km)	Capital	Language
*	*National Capital Delhi*	*1,483*	*New Delhi*	*Hindi, Punjabi & Urdu*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	160,205	Hyderabad	Telugu
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	Itanagar	Monpa, Miji, Aka
3.	Assam	78,438	Dispur	Assamese
4.	Bihar	94,164	Patna	Hindi
5.	Chattisgarh	1,35,191	Raipur	Hindi
6.	Goa	3,702	Panaji	Konkani, Marathi
7.	Gujarat	1,96,024	Gandhinagar	Gujarathi
8.	Haryana	44,212	Chandigarh	Hindi
9.	Himachal Pradesh	55,673	Shimla	Hindi & Pahari
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2,22,236	Srinagar(summer) Jammu (winter)	Kashmiri, Dogri & Ladakhi etc.,
11.	Jharkhand	79,714	Ranchi	Hindi
12.	Karnataka	1,91,791	Bengaluru	Kannada
13.	Kerala	38,863	Thiruvananthapuram	Malayalam
14.	Madhya Pradesh	3,08,346	Bhopal	Hindi
15.	Maharashtra	307,690	Mumbai	Marathi
16.	Manipur	22,327	Imphal	Manipuri
17.	Meghalaya	22,429	Shillong	Khazi, Garo & English
18.	Mizoram	20,987	Aizwal	Mizo & English
19.	Nagaland	16,579	Kohima	Angami, Ao, English, Konyak
20.	Odisse (Orissa)	1,55,707	Bhubaneshwar	Oriya

21. Punjab	50,362	Chandigarh	Punjabi
22. Rajasthan	3,42,239	Jaipur	Rajasthani & Hindi
23. Sikkim	7,096	Gangtok	Lapcha, Bhutia, Nepali
24. Tamil Nadu	1,30,058	Chennai	Tamil
25. Telangana	114,840	Hyderabad	Telugu & Urdu
26. Tripura	10,492	Agartala	Bengali, Kokhorak, Manipuri
27. Uttaranchal	55,845	Dehradun	Hindi, Garhwari
28. Uttar Pradesh	2,38,566	Lucknow	Hindi
29. West Bengal	88,752	Kolkata	Bengali

Indian Union Territories

Union	Area(sq.km.)	Capital	Languages
1. Andaman & Nicobar	8,247	Port Blair	Bengali, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam & Nicobarese
2. Chandigarh	114	Chandigarh	Hindi, Punjabi
3. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	491	Silvassa	Bhili, Bhilodi, Hindi & Gujarati
4. Daman & Diu	112	Daman	Gujarati, Marathi
5. Lakshadweep	32	Kavaratti	Malayalam
6. Puducherry	492	Puducherry	Tamil, Telugu Malayalam, French & English

Important Sanctuaries and National parks

1. **Wild Ass Sanctuary :** Little Rann of Kutch, Gujarat
2. **Bandipur National Park :** Bandipura, Karnataka
3. **Sundar Bans :** Sunder bans, West Bengal
4. **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary :** Srirangapattana, Karnataka
5. **Jim Corbet National Park :** Nainital, Uttarkhand
6. **Dudhwa National Park :** Lakhimpur Kheri, U.P.
7. **Gir National Park :** Junagarh, Gujarat
8 **Hazaribagh National Park :** Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
9. **Kaziranga National Park :** Jorhat, Assam
10. **Manas Tiger Sancturay :** Barpet, Assam
11. **Kanha National Park :** Mandla, Madhya Pradesh
12. **Rajiv Gandhi National Park :** Nagarahole, Karnataka

Important Crops of India

Sl. No.	Name of the crops	Producing States
1.	**Rice**	West Bengal, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu.
2.	**Wheat**	Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana.
3.	**Barley**	Rajasthan, Maharashtra, UP, Bihar.
4.	**Gram**	UP, M.P, Rajasthan.
5.	**Groundnut**	Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, T.N.
6.	**Sugar cane**	Maharashtra, U.P, Karnataka, T.N.
7.	**Sun flower**	Maharashtra, A.P, Karnataka.
8.	**Cotton**	Gujarat, Maharashtra.
9.	**Silk**	Karnataka, Kerala, A.P.
10.	**Coffee**	Karnataka, Kerala.
11.	**Tea**	Assam, Kerala, T.N.
12.	**Tobacco**	A.P, Tamilnadu, Bihar.
13.	**Rubber**	Kerala, Tamilnadu.
14.	**Cashew nuts**	Tamilnadu, A.P, Kerala.
15.	**Turmeric**	Odisha (Orissa), Andhra Pradesh.

Some Irrigation & Multipurpose Projects of India

1. **Damodar Valley Project :** Joint project of West Bengal and Bihar. It is used to develop Irrigation & Power generation.
2. **Bargi project :** It is a multipurpose project across the river Bargi in Madhya Pradesh.
3. **Chambal project :** It is the joint venture of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. It is used to power generation.
4. **Beas project :** It is a joint venture project of Haryana, Punjab & Rajasthan.
5. **Bhakranangal Project :** It is constructed across the river Sutlaj & Bhakra and it is the joint venture of Punjab, Haryana & Rajastan.
6. **Nagarjuna Sagar Project :** It is constructed across the river Krishna in Andhra Pradesh of 1450 mts length and 92 mts height.
7. **Koshi Project :** It is multipurpose project of Bihar
8. **Mahanadi Delta Scheme :** It is Irrigation scheme in Odisha (Orissa).

Constitution of India

The Constitution is superior to all other laws of the our country. Every law enacted by the government has to be in conformity with the Constitution. The Constitution spells out the Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Duties of citizens.

The Constitution declares India to be a sovereign socialist secular democratic republic, assuring its citizens of justice, equality, and liberty. It was passed by the Constituent Assembly of India on November 26, 1949, and came into effect on January 26, 1950. India celebrates January 26 each year as Republic Day. It is the longest written constitution of any independent nation in the world, containing 395 articles and 12 schedules, as well as numerous Amendments, for a total of 1,17,369 words in the English language version. Besides the English version, there is an official Hindi translation.

The Constitution lays down the basic structure of Government under which the people chose themselves to be Governed. It establishes the main organs of Government - the executive , the legislature and the judiciary. The Constitution not only defines the powers of each organ, but also Demarcates their responsibilities. It regulates the relationship between the different organs and between the Government and the People.

National Insignias of India

National Flag : The National flag of India is made up of tricolours with deep saffron at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom. In the centre of the white strip is a wheel in navy blue colour which represents the Chakra with 24 spokes.

National Song : The National song of India is "Vande Matharam". Which was adopted on the 24th of January, 1950 and it was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee.

National Anthem : The National Anthem of India is 'Jana-gana-mana" and was composed by Rabindra Nath Tagore. It was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on January 24, 1950.

National Emblem : The National Emblem and seal of India is a replica of the capital of *Ashoka's* pillar at Saranath in the Emblem, Four Lions with open mouth are visible. There is a Dharma Chakra in the centre of the base plate, with the figure of a bull on the right side and that of a horse on the left side. Below the Emblem the word 'Satyameva Jayate" from the Mundaka Upanishad is inscribed.('Truth alone triumphs') in Devanagiri script.

National Animal	:	*' Tiger'*
National Bird	:	*'Peacock'*
National Tree	:	*'Banyan'*
National Game	:	*'Hockey'*
National Flower	:	The *'Lotus'*

Major Minerals of India

Minerals	States
Iron	Odisha, Jharkhand, M.P, A.P, T.N, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa.
Coal	Bihar, W.Bengal, M.P, Maharashtra, A.P, Assam.
Manganese	Odisha, M.P, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh.
Mica	Bihar, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu.
Bauxite	Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, J&K, Odisha, Rajasthan.
Copper	Bihar, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat.

Crude Oil	Assam, Tripura, Manipur, West Bengal, Ganga Valley, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh West Bengal, Odisha, Maharashtra, Gujarat.
Lignite	Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Puduchery, Rajasthan Jammu & Kashmir.
Gold	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh.
Magnetite	Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka.
Gypsum	Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu.
Lead-zinc	Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Sikkim, Rajasthan.
Chromite	Odisha, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur.
Dolomite	Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal Arunachal Pradesh.
Diamond	Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra Andhra Pradesh.

Important Industrial Towns of India

Town	Industry
Agra	Shoes and Leather Goods
Ahmedabad	Cotton Textiles
Aligarh	Locks
Ambernath	Machine Tools Prototype Factory
Ankleshwar	Oil
Bengaluru	Software, Cotton Textiles, Aircraft, Telephone, Carpets, Machine Tools
Bareilly	Resin & Wood Work
Bhadravathi	Steel, Paper
Bhilai	Steel
Bokaro	Steel
Chittaranjan	Railway Locomotive
Delhi	Woollen Goods
Digbai	Oil
Durgapur	Steel
Firozabad	Glass & Glass Bangles
Gwalior	Pottery & Textiles
Jaipur	Embroidery, Pottery, Brassware

Jamshedpur	Iron & Steel
Jharia	Coal
Kanpur	Leather Goods
Katni	Cement
Khetri	Copper
Kolkata	Jute, Electric Bulbs & Lamps
Ludhiana	Hosiery, Sewing Machines, Cycles
Moradabad	Brass Utensils, Calico-Printing
Mangalore	Fertilizers, Petroleum Refinery
Mumbai	Cotton Textile, Film, Petroleum Refineries
Mysore	Silk, Currency Mint
Nangal	Fertilisers
Nepanagar	News print
Nyveli	Lignite
Perambur	Railway Coach Factory
Pimpri (Pune)	Pencillin Factory
Pinjore	Machine Tool Factory
Raniganj	Coal Mining
Rourkela	Steel and Fertilisers
Rupnarainpur	Cable
Sindri	Fertilisers
Singhbhum	Copper
Surat	Textiles
Tiruchirapalli	Cigars
Titagarh	Paper
Vishakapatnam	Ship Building , Steel Plant

Public Sector Steel Plants of India

	Place	State
1.	Bhadravathi	Karnataka
2.	Bhilai	Chattisgarh
3.	Bokaro	Jharkhand
4.	Burnpur	West Bengal
5.	Durgapur	West Bengal
6.	Rourkela	Odisha
7.	Salem	Tamil Nadu
8.	Vishakapatnam	Andhra Pradesh

Transport and Communication in India

Postal Service		Year
First postal service commissioned	:	1837
First postal stamp issued (provincial)	:	1852 in Karachi
First all India postal stamp issued	:	1854
Establishment of postal department	:	1854
Money order service started	:	1880
Airmail service started	:	1911 (Allahabad to Nainital)
Pin Code started	:	1972
No. of Postal Zones in India	:	**8**

Telecommunication

First telephone line	:	1851 (Between Kolkata & Diamond Harbour)
First telephone service	:	1881 (Kolkata)
First telephone exchange	:	1881 (50 line only)
First International telephone lines	:	1870 between London and Mumbai
First automatic telephone exchange	:	1913 (Shimla)

Roads

For easy administrative purposes, Indian roads are categorised as follows

1. National Highways
2. State Highways
3. District Roads
4. Village Roads
5. Border Roads
6. International Highways

Indian Railways Production Units

Name	Place	Commenced in	Items Manufactured
1. Chittaranjan Locomotive work	Chittaranjan West Bengal	1950	Locomotives
2. Diesel Locomotive work	Varanasi U.P.	1964	Locomotives
3. Integral Coach	Perambur	1955	Coaches

Factory	Chennai		
4. Railway Wheels Factory	Yelahanka (Bengaluru)	1983	Wheel & Axel
5. Diesel Component	Patiala Punjab	1981	Components of Diesel Engine
6. Rail Coach Factory	Kapurthala Punjab	1988	Coaches Wagons
7. Railway Wheel Factory	Naya Gaon (Near Chhapra) Bihar	2005	Wheel
8. Rail Wheel Factory	Chhapra	2012	Railway wheels
9. Rail Coach Factory	Raebareli	2012	Passenger coaches

Railway Zones of India

Zone (16)	Headquarters	Date of Inauguration
Southern	Chennai	Apr. 14, 1951
Western	Mumbai (Church Gate)	Nov. 5, 1951
Central	Mumbai CST	Nov. 5, 1951
Northern	New Delhi	Apr. 14, 1952
North-Eastern	Gorakhpur	Apr. 14, 1952
Eastern	Kolkata	Aug. 1, 1955
South-Eastern	Kolkata	Aug. 1, 1955
North-East Frontier	Maligaon (Guwahati)	Jan. 15, 1958
South-Central	Secunderabad	Oct. 2, 1966
East-Coast	Bhubaneswar	Aug. 8, 1996
North-Central	Allahabad	Aug. 28, 1996
East-Central	Hajipur	Sep. 8, 1996
North-Western	Jaipur	Oct. 10, 1996
South-Western	Hubli	No. 1, 1996
West Central	Jabalpur	Dec. 9, 1996
South-East Central	Bilaspur	Sep, 9, 1998

Shipping

There are 4 Shipyards:

1. Garden Reach Ship Builders & Engineers Ltd., Kolkata
2. Mazagaon Dock Limited., Mumbai
3. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Vishakapatnam.
4. Cochin Shipyard, Kochi.

Major Ports in India

India has 13 major Ports and 43 minor Ports

	Seaport	State	Sea
1.	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Arabian Sea
2.	Kolkata	West Bengal	Bay of Bengal
3.	Kochi	Kerala	Arabian Sea
4.	Kandla	Gujarat	Arabian Sea
5.	Chennai	Tamilnadu	Bay of Bengal
6.	Marmugao	Goa	Arabian Sea
7.	Mangaluru	Karnataka	Arabian Sea
8.	Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	Indian Ocean
9.	Vishakapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	Bay of Bengal
10.	Paradeep	Odissa	Bay of Bengal
11.	Nhava Sheva	Maharashtra	Arabian Sea
12.	Ennore	Tamil Nadu	Bay of Bengal
13.	Karwar	Karnataka	Arabian Sea

Air Transport

First solo flight : JRD Tata was the first to make a solo flight from Mumbai to Karachi in 1931.

Air transport in India at three levels

1. Air India (International level)
2. Indian Airlines (Domestic level)
3. Private Airlines and Charters such as NEPC Damania East West, Jet Air ways, Modiluf, Sahara, King Fisher, Air Deccan etc.,

International Air Ports of India

Name	Location
1. Subhash Chandra Bose Airport (Dum Dum)	Kolkata
2. Chattrapathi Shivaji International Airport	Mumbai
3. Indira Gandhi International Airport	New Delhi
4. Rajasansi International Airport	Amritsar
5. Meenambakkam International Airport (Anna)	Chennai
6. Nedumbassery International Airport	Kochi
7. Bengaluru International Airport (BAIL)	Bengaluru
8. Rajeev Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad
9. Chaudhry Charan Singh International Airport	Lucknow

Main Inland Aerodromes in India

Bajpe	Mangaluru (Karnataka)
Amausi	Lucknow (U.P.)
Bamrauli	Allahabad (U.P.)
Chakeri	Kanpur (U.P.)
Cuttack	Bhuvaneswar (Odisha)
Deesa	Palanpur (Gujarat)
Dabok	Udaipur (Rajasthan)
Juhu	Mumbai (Maharashtra)
Kesod	Janagarh (Gujarat)
Safdarjang	New Delhi
St. Thomas Mount	Chennai

Commissioned Ranks in Army, Navy and Air Force

Army	Navy	Air Force
Field Marshal	Admiral of Fleet	Marshal of the Airforce
General	Admiral	Air Chief Marshal
Lieutenant General	Vice Admiral	Air Marshal
Major General	Rear Admiral	Air Vice Marshal
Brigadier	Commodore	Air Commodore
Colonel	Captain	Group Captain
Lieutenent Colonel	Commander	Wing commander
Major	Lieutenant Commander	Squadron Leader
Captain	Lieutenant	Flight Lieutenant
Lieutenant	Sub-Lieutenant	Flying Officer
Second Lieutenant	Midshipman	Pilot Officer

Army Training Institutes of India

Name	Location
1. Military College for Telecommunication Engg.	Mhow
2. College of Military Engineering	Kirkee
3. Armoured Corps Centre & School	Ahmedabad
4. The College of Combat	Mhow
5. Institute of Defence Management	Secunderabad
6. The School of Artillery	Deolali
7. The Infantry School	Mhow & Belgaum
8. The Army Ordnance School	Jabalpur
9. The Army Service Corps School	Agra
10. The Army & Air Transport School	Agra
11. The Corps of Military Police Centre & School	Bengaluru
12. The College of Electrical & Mechanical Engg.	Secunderabad
13. Remount & Veterinary Corps Centre and School	Meerut
14. Intelligence Training School & Depot.	Pune
15. Indian Military Academy	Dehradun

Air Force Training Institutes of India

Name	Location
1. Flying School	Bidar
2. College of Air Warfare	Secunderabad
3. Air Force Administrative College	Coimbatore
4. Navigation & Signals School	Hyderabad
5. Air Force Technical College	Jalahalli (Bengaluru)
6. IAF Paratroopers Training School	Agra
7. Air Force Academy	Hyderabad
9. Fighter Training wing & Helicopter Training School	Hakimpet

Governor Generals of India

Name	Period
Warren Hastings	1772-1785
Lord Cornwallis	1786-1793
Sir John Shore	1793-1798
Lord Wellesley	1798-1805
Lord Minto	1807-1813
Lord Hastings	1813-1823
Lord Amherst	1823-1828
Lord william Bentick	1828-1835
Baron Ellenborough	1835-1842
William Wilberforce Bird	1842-1844
Lord Hardinge	1844-1848
Lord Dolhousie	1848-1856
Lord Canning	1856-1858

Viceroys of British India

Name	Period
Lord Canning	1858-1862
8th Earl of Elgin I	1862-1863
Sir Robert Napier	1863
Sir William T. Dension	1863-1864
Earl of Mayo	1864-1869
Lord Rippon	1870-1884
Lord Landsdowne	1884-1894
Lord Elgin II	1894-1899
Lord Curzon	1899-1905
Lord Minto II	1905-1910
Lord Hardinge	1910-1916
Lord Chelmsford	1916-1921
Lord Reading	1921-1926
Lord Irwin	1926-1931
Lord Wellington	1931-1936
Lord Linlithgow	1936-1943

Lord Wavell	1943-1947
Lord Louis Mountbatten	1947 (March 13-August 14)

After Independence Governor General of Indian Union

Lord Mountbatten	-	**Aug 15, 1947 - June 20, 1948**
C. Rajagopalachari	-	**June 21, 1948 - January 25, 1950**

Presidents of India

Dr. Rajendra Prasad	26-01-1950	to	13-05- 1962
Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	13-05-1962	to	13-05-1967
Dr. Zakir Hussain	13-05-1967	to	03-05-1969
V.V. Giri	03-05-1969	to	20-07-1969 (Acting)
M. Hidayatullah	20-07-1969	to	24-08-1969 (Acting)
V.V. Giri	24-08-1969	to	24-08-1974
Fakruddin Ali Ahmed	24-08-1974	to	11-02-1977
B.D. Jatti	11-02-1977	to	25-07-1977 (Acting)
Neelam Sanjeev Reddy	25-07-1977	to	25-07-1982
Giani Zail Singh	25-07-1982	to	25-07-1987
R. Venkataraman	25-07-1987	to	25-07-1992
Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma	25-07-1992	to	25-07-1997
K.R. Narayan	25-07-1997	to	25-07-2002
A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	25-07-2002	to	25-07-2007
Mrs. Pratibha Patel	25-7-2007	to	25-7-2012
Pranab Kumar Mukherjee	25-7-2012 -		

Prime Ministers of India

Jawaharlal Nehru	15-08-1947	to	27-05-1964
Gulzari Lal Nanda	27-05-1964	to	09-06-1964 (Acting)
Lal Bahadur Shastri	09-06-1964	to	11-01-1966
Gulzari Lal Nanda	11-01-1966	to	24-11-1966 (Acting)
Indira Gandhi	24-11-1966	to	24-03-1977
Morarji Desai	24-03-1977	to	28-07-1979
Charan Singh	28-07-1979	to	14-01-1980
Indira Gandhi	14-01-1980	to	31-10-1984
Rajiv Gandhi	31-10-1984	to	01-12-1989
V.P. Singh	02-12-1989	to	10-11-1990

Chandra Shekar	10-11-1990	to	21-06-1991
P.V. Narasimha Rao	21-06-1991	to	10-05-1996
A.B. Vajpayee	16-05-1996	to	01-06-1996
H.D. Devegowda	01-06-1996	to	21-04-1997
I.K. Gujral	21-04-1997	to	19-03-1998
A.B. Vajpayee	16-05-1998	to	19-03-2004
Manmohan Singh	22-05-2004	to	18-05-2009
Manmohan Singh	22-5-2004	to	26-05-2014

Narendra Damodaradas Modi 26-05-2014 -

General Elections of India

First General Election	1952
Second General Election	1957
Third General Election	1962
Fourth General Election	1967
Fifth General Election	1971
Sixth General Election	1977
Seventh General Election	1980
Eigth General Election	1984
Ninth General Election	1989
Tenth General Election	1991
Eleventh General Election	1996
Twelth General Election	1998
Thirteenth General Election	1999
Fourteenth General Election	2004
Fifteenth General Election	2009
Sixteenth General Election	**2014**

Speakers of Lok Sabha

Name	Period
G.V. Mavalankar	1952-1956
M. Anantha Shayanam Iyengar	1956-1962
Sardar Hukum Singh	1962-1967
Neelam Sanjiva Reddy	1967-1969

Gurudhayal Singh Dhillon	1969-1975
Bali Ram Bhagat	1976-1977
Neelam Sanjiva Reddy	1977 (March-July)
Kawdoor Sadananda Hegde	1977-1979
Balaram Jakhar	1980-1989
Rabi Ray	1989-1991
Shivaraj Patil	1991-1996
P.A. Sangma	1996-1998
G.M.C. Balayogi	1998-March 2002
Manohar Joshi	2002 - 2004
Somanath Chatarjee	4-6-2004 to 1-6-2009
Ms. Meira Kumar	3-06-2009 to 04-06-2014
Sumitra Mahajan	**04-06-2014-**

Chief Election Commissioners of India

Name	Period
Sukumar Sen	1950-1958
K.V.K. Sundaram	1958-1967
S.P. Sen Verma	1967-1972
Dr. Nagendra Singh	1972-1973
T. Swaminathan	1973-1977
S.L. Shakdhar	1977-1982
R.K. Trivedi	1982-1985
R.V.S. Peri Sastry	1986-1990
Smt. V.S. Ramadevi	March 1990 Dec. 1990
T.N. Seshan	1990-1996
M.S. Gill	1996 - June 2001
J.M. Lyngdoh	2001 - Feb 2004
T.S. Krishnamurthy	Feb 2004 -May 2005
B . B . Tandon	May 2005 -June 2006
N. Gopala Swamy	July 2006 - April 2009
Naveen Chawla	April 2009 -July 2010
S.Y. Khureshi	July 2010 - June 2012
Veeravalli Sundaram Sampath	June 2012 - Jan 2015
H.S. Brahma	Jan 2015 - April 2015
Nasim Zaidi	**April 2015 -**

Bharat Ratna Award Recipients

Name	Awarded
C. Rajagopalachari (1880-1972)	1954
Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (1888-1975)	1954
Dr. C.V. Raman (1888-1970)	1954
Dr. Bhagwan Das (1869-1958)	1955
Dr. Sir. M. Visveswaraya (1861-1962)	1955
Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964)	1955
Gobind Ballabh Pant (1887-1961)	1957
Dr. D.K. Karve (1858-1962)	1958
Dr. B.C. Roy (1882-1962)	1961
Purushottam Das Tandon (1882-1972)	1961
Dr. Rajendra Prasad (1884-1963)	1962
Dr. Zakir Hussain (1897-1969)	1963
Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane (1880-1969)	1963
Lal Bahadur Sastry (1904-1966) (Posthumously)	1966
Indira Gandhi (1917-1984)	1971
V.V. Giri (1894-1980)	1975
K. Kamaraj (1903-1973) (Posthumously)	1976
Mother Teresa (1910-1997)	1980
Acharya Vinobha Bhave (1895-1982) (Posthumously)	1983
'Frontier Gandhi' Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan (1890-1988)	1987
M.G. Ramachandran (1917-1987) (Posthumously)	1988
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (1891-1956) (Posthumously)	1990
Dr. Nelson Mandela (Born 1918-)	1990
Rajiv Gandhi (1944-1991) (Posthumously)	1991
Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel (1875-1950) (Posthumously)	1991
Morarji Desai (1896-1995)	1991
J.R.D. Tata (1904-1993)	1992
Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad (1888-1955) (Posthumously)	1992
Satyajit Ray (1922-1992)	1992
Gulzari Lal Nanda (1898-1998) (Posthumously)	1997
Aruna Asaf Ali (1909-1996) (Posthumously)	1997
A.P.J. Abdul Kalam(b.1931-)	1997
M.S. Subbalakshmi (1916-2004)	1998
Chidambaram Subramanian (1910-2000)	1998
Jayaprakash Narayan (1902-1979) (Posthumously)	1999
Pandit Ravi Shankar (b.1920-2012)	1999
Gopinath Bordoloi (1890-1950) (Posthumously)	1999
Amartya Sen (b.1933)	1999
Ustad Bismilla Khan (1916-2006)	2001

Lata Mangeskar (b.1929)	2001
Pt. Bhimsen Joshi (b. 1922-2011)	2008
Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao (b-1934-)	**2014**
Sachin Tendulkar (b-1973-)	**2014**
Atal Behari Vajpayee(1924-)	**2015**
Madan Mohan Malviya(1861-1946)	**2015**

Jnanapith Award Winners

Sl No.	Name	Language	Year
1.	G. Shankar Kurup	Malayalam	1965
2.	Tarashankara Vandopadyaya	Bengali	1966
3.	K.V. Puttappa (Kuvempu)	Kannada	1967
4.	Umashankara Joshi	Gujarati	1967
5.	Sumitra Nandana Pant	Hindi	1968
6.	Vishwanatha Satyanarayana	Telugu	1970
7.	Vishnu De	Bengali	1971
8.	Ramadhar Singh Dinkar	Hindi	1972
9a.	Dathathreya Ramachandra Bendre	Kannada	1973
b.	Gopinath Mohanty	Oriya	1973
10.	V.S. Khandekar	Marathi	1974
11.	P.V. Akhilandam	Tamil	1975
12.	Ashapoorna Devi	Bengali	1976
13.	K. Shivaram Karanth	Kannada	1977
14.	H.S. Vatsayan	Hindi	1978
15.	B.K. Bhattacharya	Assami	1979
16.	S.K. Pottaikatt	Malayalam	1980
17.	Amrita Pritam	Punjabi	1981
18.	Mahadevi Verma	Hindi	1982
19.	Masti Venkatesh Iyengar	Kannada	1983
20.	Takazhi Shivashankara Pillai	Malayalam	1984
21.	Pannalal Patel	Gujarati	1985
22.	Sacchidanand Routray	Oriya	1986
23.	V.V. Shirvadkar	Marati	1987
24.	C. Narayana Reddy	Telugu	1988
25.	Smt. Khuratul Fin Hyder	Urdu	1989
26.	V.K. Gokak	Kannada	1990

27. Subash Mukyopadyay	Bengali	199
28. Nagesh Mehta	Hindi	1992
29. Dr. Seetakant Mahapatra	Oriya	1993
30. Dr. U.R. Anantha Murthy	Kannada	1994
31. M.T. Vasudevan Nair	Malayalam	1995
32. Mahashwetha Devi	Bengali	1996
33. Ali Sardar Jafri	Urdu	1997
34. Girish Karnad	Kannada	1998
35a. Nirmala Verma	Hindi	1999
b. Gurdial Sing	Panjabi	1999
36. Indira Goswamy	Assami	2000
37. R. Keshavalal Shah	Gujarati	2001
38. D . Jayakanthan	Tamil	2002
39. Vinda Karandikar	Marathi	2003
40. Rahman Rahi	Kashmiri	2004
41. Kunwar Narayan	Hindi	2005
42. Satya Vrat Shastri	Sanskrit	2006
Ravindra Kalekar	Konkani	2006
43. ONV Kurupu	Malayalam	2007
44. Akhlaq Mohammed Khan 'Shahryar'	Urdu	2008
45. Shrilal Shukla	Hindi	2009
46. Chandrashekhara Kambara	Kannada	2010
47. Pratiba Ray	Oriya	2011
48. Ravuri Bharadhwaj	Telugu	2012
49. Kedarnath Singh	Hindi	2013
50. Bhalchandra Nemade	Marathi	2014
51. Raghuveer Chaudhary	***Gujarati***	***2015***

Famous Indian Artists

Instrumental Music

Instrument	Famous Musicians
1. **Flute**	T.R. Mahalingam, Panna Lal Ghosh, N. Ramani, Hariprasad Chaurasia
2. **Mridangam**	Karaikudi R. Mani, Palghat Mani Iyer, Palghat Raghu
3. **Nadaswaram**	Rajaratnam Pillai, Neeru Swami Pillai
4. **Pakhawaj**	Baba Ram Shankar Pagaldas, Gopal Das, Pandit Ayodhya Prasad

5. **Santoor**	Shivkumar Sharma
6. **Sarangi**	Ustad Binda Khan
7. **Sarod**	Amjad Ali Khan, Ali Akbar Khan, Hafiz Khan, Alauddin Khan
8. **Shehnai**	Bismillah Khan
9. **Sitar**	Mustaq Ali Khan, Pandit Ravi Shankar, Vilayat Khan, Nikhil Bannerji
10. **Surbahar**	Sajjan Hussain, Annapurna
11. **Tabala**	Kanthe Maharaj, Shanta Prasad, Chantur Lal, Allah Rakha
12. **Veena**	Sadiq Ali Khan, Veena Doreswamy Iyengar, Veena Dhanammal, S . Balachandar, Chittibabu, Kalyana Bhagwatar
13. **Violin**	T. Chowdaiah, Gajanana Rao Joshi, Govind Swami Pillai, V.G. Jog, Dwaram Venkataswamy Naidu, G. Jayaraman, Smt. N. Rajan, L. Subramanian, T.N. Krishnan, Zubin Mehta, H.P. Chaurasia, **Kunnakudi Vaidyanathan**

Vocal Music

Hindustani & Carnatic

1. Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar
2. Balamurali Krishna
3. G.N. Balasubramaniam
4. Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar
5. M.D. Ramanathan
6. M.S. Subbulakshmi
7. M.L. Vasantha Kumari
8. K J .Jesudas
9. Basavaraj Rajguru
10. Bhimsen Joshi
11. Gangubai Hangal
12. Girija Devi
13. Kumar Ghandharva
14. Naina Devi
15. Mallikarjun Mansur
16. Pandit Jasraj

Painters

1. Amrith Shergill
2. M.F. Hussain
3. Jamini Roy
4. Vishnudas
5. Rajendra Tiku
6. B. N. Arya
7. Arpitha Singh
8. Late Raja Ravi Varma
9. A.K. Haldar
10. Nanda Lal Bose

Cartoonists

1. R.K. Laxman
2. Shankar Pillai
3. Sudhir Dhar
4. Bal Thakre
5. Gujjarappa
6. Sudir Tilong

Dancers

Bharat Natyam Dancers

1. Bala Saraswati
2. Indrani Rehman
3. Rukminidevi Arundale
4. Yamini Krishnamurthy
5. Dr. Vasundara Doraiswamy
6. Vani Ganapathi
7. Vineet
8. K.J. Sarasa
9. C.V. Chandrashekar
10. Leela Sansan
11. Mrunalini Sarabai
12. Samyuktha Panigrahi
13. Chandralekha
14. Shobhana

Kathak Dancers

1. Birju Maharaj
2. Damyanti Joshi
3. Gopi Krishna
4. Shambu Maharaj
5. Sitara Devi
6. Uma Sharma
7. Maneshi De
8. Durga Das
9. Bharati Gupta
10. Ramanarayan Mishra
11. Ramachandra Ganguli
12. Reba Vidhyarthi

Kathakali Dancers

1. P.K. Kunju Kurup
2. K.K. Nair
3. Shanta Rao
4. Madhavan
5. Bharathi Shivaraj
6. Padmanaban Nair
7. Kalamandalam Ramankutty Nair

Manipuri Dancers

1. Amobi Singh
2. Guru Gopi Nath
3. Jhaveri Devi
4. Javeri Sisters
5. Bipinsinha Guru
6. Nirmala Mehta

Odissi Dancers

1. Guru Kelucharam Mahapatra
2. Sanjukta Panigrahi
3. Sonal Mansingh
4. Priyamvada Mohanti
5. Indrani Rahman
6. Deba Prasad

Film Music

Singers

1. Asha Bhosle
2. Lata Mangeshkar
3. S.P. Balasubramaniam
4. Kishore Kumar
5. Mohammad Rafi
6. K.J. Jesudas(Yesudas)
7. Kavita Krishnamurthy
8. P.B. Srinivas
9. Mukesh
10. Mannade
11. Usha Uthup
12. M.G. Srikumar

Music Composers

1. A.R. Rehman
2. Ilaya Raja
3. Laxmikanth-Pyarelal
4. Hamsalekha
5. T.G. Lingappa
6. Keeravani
7. L. Vaidyanathan
8. Viswanathan Ramamurthy
9. G.K. Venkatesh
10. Vijaya Bhaskar

National Laboratories and Research Centres of India

Reasearch Centres of Agriculture and Allied activities

	Name	Location	State
1.	Indian Agricultural Research Institute	Delhi	Haryana
2.	Institute of Horticultural Research	Hesaraghatta	Karnataka
3.	Central Arid Zone Research Institute	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
4.	Indian Gram Land and Fodder Research Institute	Jhansi	U.P.
5.	Jute Agricultural Research Institute	Barrakpore	West Bengal

6. Cotton Technological Research Laboratory	Mumbai	Maharashtra
7. Indian Lac Research Institute	Ranchi	Jharkhand
8. Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research	Lucknow	U.P.
9. Sugarcane Breeding Institute	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
10. Central Rice Research Institute	Cuttack	Orisha
11. Central Plantation Crops Research Institute	Kasargod	Kerala
12. Central Potato Research Institute	Simla	H.P.

.Science and Technological Research Institutes

Name of the Institute	Location
1. Botanical Survey of India	Kolkata
2. Bose Institute	Kolkata
3. Birbal Sahni Institute for Palaeobotany	Lucknow
4. Central Fuel Research Institute	Dhanbad
5. Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute	Jadavpur
6. Central Food Technological Research Institute	Mysore
7. Central Road Research Institute	New Delhi
8. Central Electro-Chemical Research Institute	Karaikudi
9. Central Leather Research Institute	Chennai
10. Central Building Research Institute	Roorkee
11. Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute	Pilani
12. Central Salt and Marine Chemical Research Institute	Bhavnagar
13. Central Mining Research Station	Dhanbad
14. Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute	Durgapur
15. Central Scientific Instrumentation Organisation	Chandigarh
16. Indian Institute of Science	Bengaluru

17. Indian Institute of Petroleum	Dehradun
18. Industrial Toxicology Research Centre	Lucknow
19. National Metallurgical Laboratory	Jamshedpur
20. National Aeronautical Laboratory	Bengaluru
21. National Physical Laboratory	New Delhi
22. National Chemical Laboratory	Pune
23. National Geophysical Research Institute	Hyderabad
24. National Institute of Design	Ahmedabad
25. National Institute of Oceanography	Panaji
26. National Atlas Organisation	Kolkata
27. Raman Research Institute	Bengaluru
28. Survey of India	Dehradun
29. Zoological Survey of India	Kolkata

Nuclear Research and Allied Activities Institutions

Name of the Institute	Location
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre	Trombay, Mumbai
Centre for Advanced Technology	Indore
Electronics Corporation of India	Hyderabad
High Altitude Research Laboratory	Gulmarg (Kashmir)
Heavy Water Projects	Kota, Baroda, Tuticorin, Talcher
Indian Rare Earths Ltd.	Mumbai, Alwaye
Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research	Kalpakkam
Nuclear Research Centre	Delhi
Nuclear Fuel Complex	Hyderabad
Power Reactor Fuel Reprocessing plant	Tarapur
Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics	Kolkata
Seismic Research Centre	Gauribidanur (Karnataka)
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research	Mumbai
Uranium Corporation of India	Jaduguda

Atomic Power Stations of India

Name of the Plant	Location	State
Kakrapar Atomic Power Station	Kakrapara	Gujarat
Kaiga Atomic Power Plant(KAPP)	Kaiga	Karnataka
Madras Atomic Power Plant(Maps)	Kalpakkam	Tamil Nadu
Narora Atomic Power Station(NAPS)	Narora	U.P.
Rana Pratap Sagar Atomic Power Station (RAPS)	Rawatbhatta (Kota)	Rajasthan
Tarapur Atomic Power Plant(TAPS)	Tarapur	Maharashtra

Space Programme Centres in India

Name of the Institute	Location
Indian Scientific Satellite Project	Bengaluru
Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO)	Bengaluru
Master Control Facility (MCF)	Hassan
National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA)	Secunderabad
Physical Research Laboratory	Ahmedabad
Propelling Fuel Complex	Thiruvananthapuram
Satellite tracking and Ranging Station(STARS)	Kavalure
Satellite Launch Vehicle Project	Thiruvananthapuram
Space Application Centre(SAC)	Ahmedabad
Sriharikota Rocket Launching Centre	Sriharikota(A.P)
Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station	Thumba
Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre	Thiruvananthapuram

Major Oil Refineries of India

Name	Location	State
Assam Oil Company	Digboi	Assam
Bharat Refinery Ltd.,	Bongaigaon	Assam
Bharat Petroleum Corporation	Mumbai	Maharashtra
Cochin Refinery Ltd.,	Kochi	Kerala
Indian Oil Corporation	Barauni	Bihar
Indian Oil Corporation	Guwahati	Assam
Indian Oil Corporation	Haldia	West Bengal

Indian Oil Corporation	Koyali	Gujarat
Indian Oil Corporation	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh
Indian Oil Corporation	Mumbai	Maharashtra
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited	Mumbai	Maharashtra
Madras Oil Refinery	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Ltd.,	Mangaluru	Karnataka
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,	Vishakapatnam	Andhra Pradesh

Major Museums of India

Name of the Museum	Location
Asiatic Society	Kolkata
Archaelogical Museum	Gwalior / Hyderabad
Assam State Museum	Guwahati
Bhopal Museum	Bhopal
Birla Technological and Industrial Museum	Kolkata
Bodh Gaya Museum	Bihar
Central Museum	Jaipur / Nagpur
Gandhi Memorial Museum	Madurai
Government Museum	Bengaluru/Chennai
Indian Memorial Museum and Library	Kolkata
Indore Museum	Indore
Muncipal Museum	Allahabad
National Museum	New Delhi
National Gallery of Modern Arts	New Delhi
National Museum of Natural History	New Delhi
Nehru Memorial Museum and Library	New Delhi
Odisha State Museum	Bhubaneswar
Patna Museum	Patna
Pratap Singh Museum	Srinagar
Prince of Wales Museum	Mumbai

Rail Museum	New Delhi
Salarjung Museum	Hyderabad
Saranath Museum	Varanasi
Sanchi Museum	Bhopal
State Museum	Lucknow
Swatantra Sangram Sangrahalaya	New Delhi
Victoria Memorial Hall	Kolkata
Victoria and Albert Museum	Mumbai
Vishweshwaraya Industrial and Technological Museum	Bengaluru

Important Newspapers of India

Newspaper	Language	Published from
Amar Ujala	Hindi	Agra, Bareilly, Meerut Jhansi, Allahabad, Aligarh, Kanpur, Dehradun, Moradab
Amrit Bazar Patrika	English	Kolkata
Anand Bazar Patrika	English	Kolkata
Aryavatra	Hindi	Patna
Bombay Samachar	Gujarati	Mumbai, Bengaluru
The Economic Times	English	Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi, Bengaluru
The Hindu	English	Chennai, Bengaluru Hyderabad, Madurai Mangaluru, NewDelhi Thiruvanandapuram, Trichy
The New Indian Express	English	Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chandigarh, Kochi, Madura Chennai, Vijayawada, Hyderabad
Dinamani	Tamil	Madurai, Chittur, Chennai
Dinathanthi (Daily Thanthi)	Tamil	Bengaluru, Chennai, Madurai Thrichy, Coimbatore, Salem, Vellur, Erode, Nagerkoil and

		Puducherry
Deccan Herald	English	Bengaluru, Hubballi, Kalburgi, Mangaluru
The Telegraph	English	Kolkata
The Times of India	English	Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Mumbai, New Delhi
The Times of India	Kannada	Bengaluru, Hubballi, Mysuru
Maharashtra Times	Marathi	Mumbai
Malayalam Manorama	Malayalam	Kochi, Kottayam, Kozhikode, Bengaluru
Newspaper	**Language**	**Published from**
Mathrubhumi	Malayalam	Kochi, Kozhikode, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram
Nav Bharat Times	Hindi	Mumbai, New Delhi
The Statesman	English	Kolkata, New Delhi
Swatantra Bharat	Hindi	Lucknow
Jan Satta	Hindi	New Delhi
Patriot	English	New Delhi
Pioneer	English	Lucknow, New Delhi
Prajavani	Kannada	Bengaluru, Hubballi, Kalburgi, Mangaluru
Kannda Prabha	Kannada	Bengaluru, Belagavi, Shivamogga, Mangaluru
Vijaya Karnataka	Kannada	Bengaluru,Shivamogga, Hubballi, Chitradurga, Mangaluru
The Independent	English	Mumbai
Punjab Kesari	Hindi	Jhalandhar, New Delhi

News Agencies in India

There are four major News Agencies in India. They are:

1. Press Trust of India (PTI) 2. United News of India (UNI)
3. Hindustan Samachar 4. Samachar Bharati

Apart from these, there are several news services in India, some of them are ;

a) Indian News and Features Alliance (INFA)
b) Indian Press Agency
c) News Features of India (NFI)
d) Eastern India News Agency(EINA)
e) Near and Far East News Agency (NAFEN)

Major Foreign News Agencies

Name of the Agency	Country
Antara	Indonesia
United Press of America	USA
International News Services of the U.S.	USA
The Reuter	Britain
Press of France	France
Tass	Russia
Novosti Press Agency	Russia
New China News Agency	China
Kyodo News Service	Japan
Tanjung	Yugoslavia
Globe News Agency	Czechoslovakia
DPA	Bangladesh

Major Hill Stations of India

Hill Station	State
Almora	Uttarkhand
Coonoor	Tamil Nadu
Cherrapunji	Meghalaya
Darjeeling	West Bengal
Dehradun	Uttarkhand
Dalhousie	Himachal Pradesh
Gulmarg	Kashmir
Kalimpong	West Bengal
Kasauli	Himachal Pradesh
Kodaikanal	Tamil Nadu
Kulu Valley	Himachal Pradesh
Landsdowne	Uttar Pradesh
Mahabaleshwar	Maharashtra
Mount Abu	Rajasthan
Mussourie	Uttarkhand
Mukteshwar	Uttar Pradesh
Nandi Hills	Karnataka

Nainital	Uttarkhand
Potacamund (Ooty)	Tamil Nadu
anchmarhi	Madhya Pradesh
Ranchi	Jharkhand
imla	Himachal Pradesh
hillong	Meghalaya
rinagar	Kashmir

First Men in India

First Governor General of Independent India	: Lord Louis Mountbatten
First Indian Governor General	: C. Rajagopalachari
First President of India	: Dr. Rajendra Prasad
First Prime Minister of India	: Jawaharlal Nehru
First President of Indian National Congress	: W.C. Banerjee
First Indian I.C.S.	: Satyendra Nath Tagore
First Indian Member of Council	: K.G. Gupta
First Indian Nobel Prize Winner	: Rabindra Nath Tagore
First Chief Justice of India	: Justice Hiralal Kania
0. First Speaker of Lok Sabha	: G.V. Mavalankar
1. First High Court Judge	: Shambunath Pandit
2. First Indian Commander-in-Chief	: Gen. K.M. Cariappa
3. First Field Marshal	: S.H.F.J. Manekshaw
4. First Chief of Air Staff	: Air Marshal S. Mukherjee
5. First Chief of Naval Staff	: Vice Admiral R.D. Katari
6. First Bar-at-Law	: Ganendra Mohan Tagore
7. First Indian Pilot	: J.R.D. Tata
8. First Indian Cosmonaut	: Sqr. Ldr. Rakesh Sharma
9. First Indian to Swim the English Channel	: Mihir Sen
0. First Indian to Scale the Mount Everest	: Sherpa Tenzing
1. First Vice President of India	: Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
2. First Recipient of Bharat Ratna	: C. Rajagopalachari
3. First Indian Industrialist to recieve of Bharat Ratna	: J.R.D. Tata
4. First Indian Cricketer to bag 400 Wickets	: Kapil Dev
5. First Indian Cricketer who got 10 wicket in a Single Test Innings	: Anil Kumble
6. First Muslim President of India	: Dr. Zakir Hussain
7. First Indian Grand Master	: Vishwanathan Anand

28. First Indian Batsman to score Three tests centuries in three successive test on debut : Muhammad Azharuddi
29. First batsman to score 18000 runs & first batsman to score a double centuary in ODI cricket match : Sachin Tendulkar
30. First Chief of Naval Staff to be sacked while in Service : Admiral Vishnu Bhagw
31. First Indian to score 300 runs in test innings : Virender Sehwag
32. First Indian Booker Prize Winner : V.S. Naipaul
33. First Indian Cricketer to bag 600 Test Wickets : Anil Kumble
34. The first cricketer in the history to score a double century in an ODI : Sachin Tendulkar
35. First Cricketer to score a century : Lala Amarnath
36. First Tennis Grand Slam Junior title : Leander Paes
37. First Tennis Grand Slam title : Mahesh Bhupati
38. First Indian batsman to hit a century in an International T20 match or World Cup: Suresh Raina
39. Youngest Indian to scale Mount Everest : Arjun Vajpai (16 year)
40. The fastest centuary maker by a debutant in tests cricket and the highest score by an Indian debutant : Shikar Dhawan
41. Fastest ODI centtuary by an Indian : Virat Kohli (52 balls)
42. Maximum sixes in an Innings of ODI : RohitSharma (16)
43. Highest score by an Indian in any form of regitered competitive cricket : Prithvi P Shaw(546 run
44. Highest score(264)in International limited overs cricket and only cricketer to score 2 ODI double tons : Rohit Sharma
45. The highest number of boundaries(42) in an ODI innings : Rohit Sharma(9 sixes & 33 fours
46. The first batsman in any class of cricket to score 1,000 runs in a single innings : **Pranab Dhanawade**

First Women in India

First Woman President of Indian National Congress	: Annie Besant
First Indian Woman President of Indian National Congress	: Sarojini Naidu
First Indian Woman to get an Oscar	: Bhanu Athaiya
First Indian Woman President of UN general Assembly	: Vijayalaxmi Pandit
First Woman Chief Minister	: Sucheta Kripalini
First Woman Chief Justice of High Court	: Justice Leila Seth
First Woman Judge of Supreme Court	: Meera Sabib Fatima Beevi
First Woman Cabinet Minister	: Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
First Woman Pilot	: Prema Mathur
0. First Woman IPS Officer	: Kiran Bedi
1. First Woman Nobel Prize winner	: Mother Teresa
2. First Indian Woman to become Miss world	: Reita Faria
3. First Indian Woman to become Miss Universe	: Sushmita Sen
14. First Woman to scale Mount Everest	: Bachendri Pal
15. First womanVice-Admiral in the Navy	: Punita Arora
16. First Indian Woman to win Booker Prize	: Arundhati Roy
17. Youngest Woman to win Booker Prize	: Kiran Desai
18. First Indian Woman to reach 4th round of American open tennis	: Sania Mirza
19. Chief Minister	: Sucheta Kripalani
20. First Woman Air Marshal	: Padmavaty Bandopadhyay
21. Speaker of State Assembly	: Shanno Devi
22. Airline Pilot	: Durga Banerjee
23. Civil Pilot	: Beant Kaur
24. To Swim Across the English Channel	: Miss Arati Saha
25. Women's College	: Bethune College, Kolkata
26. Asiad Gold Medalist	: Kamaljit Sandhu
27. Olympic Medalist	: Karnam Malleswari
28. Physician	: Kadambini Ganguly

29. Graduates : Kadambini Ganguly and Chandramukhi Basu
30. Fist Indian Women President : Pratibha Patil
31. First Lok Sabha Speaker : Meira Kumar
32. First Indian woman to score a century in Women's Cricket World Cup : Thirush Kamini
33. The World's first female amputee to scale the Mount Everest : Arunima Sinha
34. First Indian woman to win a medal in artics gymnastic at a major sporting event : Dipa Karmakar
35. First woman Bishop of CSI : **Rev E Puspalalitha**

Firsts in the World

Biggest Exporting country	:	US (US $ 1,065,740,000,000)
Biggest Library	:	US Library of Congress, Washington D.C
Biggest Museum	:	American Museum of Natural History
Biggest Hotel	:	The Excaliber Hotel (Los Vegas)
Biggest Stadium	:	Strahov Stadium, Czech Republic
Biggest Auditorium	:	Munipal Auditorium at Atlantic City
Biggest Star	:	Sirius
Biggest Planet	:	Jupiter
Brightest Planet	:	Venus
Biggest Palace	:	Vatican Palace
Biggest Waterfall	:	Boyoma (D.R. of Congo)
Biggest Dam	:	Coule Dam (USA)
Biggest Cinema House	:	Roxy (New York)
Biggest Telescope	:	Mount Palamour
Coldest Place on the Earth	:	Vostok (Antarctica) - 89.2°C
Most expensive film ever made	:	Titanic (US $200,000,000)
Most common element on the Moon	:	Oxygen (40.0%)
Driest Place	:	Death Valley (California)
Deepest Lake	:	Baikal
Fastest Bird	:	Swift
Fatest Train	:	Japan's Mono Rail Train (525kmph)
Farthest Planet (from the Sun)	:	Pluto
Highest Volcano	:	Catapaxi
Highest Plateau	:	Pamirs
Highest Mountain Peak	:	Everest (Nepal)

Highest Mountain Range	:	**Himalayas**
Highest Lake	:	Titicaca
Highest Building	:	Taipei Tower, Taiwan (508 metre)
Highest Rainfall	:	Mt. Waialeala (Hawaiin Islands)
Highest Waterfall	:	Salto Angel Falls (Venezuela)
Highest City	:	Wen Chuan (China)
Highest Average daily Newspaper Circulation	:	China (11,78,15,000)
Hottest Place	:	Azizia 136^0 F
Largest Archipelago	:	Indonesia
Largest Navy in Military	:	USA
Largest Airport	:	King Khalid International Airport (Saudi)
Largest Church	:	Basilica of St. Peter (Vatican City)
Largest Continent	:	**Asia**
Largest Body in the Solar System	:	Sun (1,392,520km)
Largest Country (in Population)	:	China
Largest Country (in area)	:	Russia
Largest Desert	:	Sahara (Africa)
Largest Radio Telescope	:	Narayangaon (India)
Largest Island	:	Green Land
Largest Dam	:	Fort Peak (USA)
Largest Diamond	:	The Cullinan
Largest Artificial Lake	:	Lake Mead
Largest Fresh Water Lake	:	Lake Superior
Largest Peninsula	:	Arabia (3,250,000 sq.km.)
Largest Volcano	:	Maunna Loa
Largest Clock	:	Big Ben
Largest Sea Bird	:	Albatross
Largest Inland Sea	:	Mediterranean Sea
Largest Sea	:	South China Sea
Largest Gulf	:	Gulf of Mexico
Largest No. of Aircraft	:	American Airlines
Largest Bay	:	Hudson Bay (N. Canada)
Largest Reserves of crude Oil	:	Saudi Arabia
Largest Living Land Animal	:	African Bush Elephant
Larget Diamond Mine	:	Argyle Mine , Western Australia
Largest Park	:	The Wood Buffalo National Park (Canada)

Longest Non-Stop Train	: Flying Scotsman
Longest Road	: Grand Trunk Road
Longest Road Network	: USA
Longest Road Tunnel	: St. Gotthard Road Tunnel (Switzerland)
Longest Railway Tunnel	: Gotthard Base Rail Tunnel (Switzerland)
Longest Swimming Canal	: English Channel
Longest Strait	: Tartar Strait
Longest Railway Platform	: Kharagpur(India)
Longest Railway	: Trans-Siberian Railway (5864.5 miles)
Longest River	: Nile (Egypt)(6690 km.)
Longest Railway Bridge	: Lower Zambezi (Africa)
Longest Shipping Canal	: Baltic White Sea Canal (152 miles)
Longest Day	: June 22
Longest Dam	: Rogunsky Earthfill Dam (Tajikistan)
Longest Mountain Range	: Andes (S. America)
Longest Reef	: Great Barrier Reef (Australia)
Longest Wall in the World	: Great Wall of China
Longest Sea Bridge structure	: Hangzhou Bay Bridge (China)
Nearest Planet	: Mercury
Smallest Planet	: Pluto
Smallest Continent	: Australia
Smallest Country	: Vatican City
Smalled Bird	: Humming Bird
Shortest Day	: December 22
Tallest Statue	: Statue of Motherland (Russia)
Tallest Animal	: Giraffe
Tallest Geyser	: Giant (USA)
Tallest Tree	: The Redwood (California)
Tallest Tower	: C.N. Tower (Canada)
Tallest Habitable Building located	: Petronas Towers(Kula Lumpur)
Widest Waterfall	: Khone Falls (Laos)
Largest Hindu populated nation	: India
Busiest port in container traffic	: Hong Kong, China
Country has longest borders	: China
Deepest Railway Tunnel	: Gotthard Base Rail Tunnel (Switzerland)

Important Days of India

National Youth Day	:	12th January
Army Day	:	15th January
Republic Day	:	**26th January**
Martyr's Day	:	30th January
Leprosy Eradication Day	:	30th January
National Science Day	:	28th February
National Maritime Day	:	5th April
Jallianwala Bagh Day	:	13th April
Anti-Terrorism Day	:	21st May
Doctors Day	:	July 1
Independence Day	:	**15th August**
Sankrit Day	:	24th August
National Sports Day	:	29th August
Teacher's Day (Dr. Radhakrishnan's Birth Day)	:	5th September
National Hindi Day	:	15th September
National Voluntary Blood Donation Day	:	1st October
Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahdur Shastri's Birth Day	:	**2nd October**
Airforce Day	:	8th October
National Post Day	:	10th October
National Integration Day	:	31st October
Children's Day (Jawaharlal Nehru's Birth Day)	:	14th November
Law Day	:	26th November
Navy Day	:	4th December
Flag Day	:	7th December
National Energy Conservation Day	:	14th December
Kisan Day	:	23rd December

Important International Days

International Custom Day	:	26th January
Valentine's Day	:	14th February
International Women's Day	:	8th March
World Consumer's Rights Day	:	15th March

World Heritage Day	:	18th April
International Earth Day	:	22nd April
May Day (Labour Day)	:	1st May
International Sun Day	:	3rd May
World Red Cross Day	:	8th May
Commonwealth Day	:	24th May
World No-Tabacco Day	:	31st May
World Environment Day	:	5th June
International Day Against Drug Abuse Day	:	26th June
World Population Day	:	11th July
Malala Day	:	**12th July**
Hiroshima Day	:	6th August
World Literacy Day	:	8th September
World Tourism Day	:	27th September
World Elder's Day	:	1st October
World Animal Day	:	2nd October
World Disaster Reduction Day	:	Second Wednesday of Every October
World Sight Day	:	14th October
World Food Day	:	16th October
UN Day	:	24th October
World Diabetes Day	:	14th November
World AIDS Day	:	1st December
Human Rights Day	:	10th December

The Largest, Longest, Biggest, Smallest and The Highest in India

Longest Bridge above water	:	Bandra–Worli (Rajiv Gandhi) Sea Link, Mumbai
Longest Rail Tunnels	:	Pir Panjal Railway Tunnel Banihal Hillar, Shahabad (J& K)
Largest Animal Fair	:	Sonepur Fair, Bihar
Largest Auditorium	:	Sri. Shanmukhananda Hall (Mumbai)
Highest Road Bridge	:	Khardungala, Ladakh
Longest River Bridge	:	Mahatma Gandhi Setu, Patna, Bihar. 3.75 Km Long

Longest Cantilever Span Bridge	: Howrah Bridge (Kolkata)
Largest Populated City	: Mumbai
Largest Corridor	: Rameshwaram Temple Corridor (121 Mtr Long)
Highest Water Falls	: Jog Falls (Karnataka)
Highest Dam	: Bhakra Dam
Longest Dam	: Hirakud Dam
Largest Delta	: Sunderban (12,872 Sq. Km.)
Largest Desert	: Thar (Rajasthan)
Largest Dome	: GolGumbaz, Bijapur
Biggest Fort	: Red Fort, Delhi
Highest Gate way	: Buland Darwaja (Fatehpur Sikri, Agra) 54 Metres
Largest Gurudwara	: Golden Temple, Amristar
Biggest Hotel	: Oberoi-Sheraton on the Shore of Arabian Sea in South Mumbai
Largest Lake	: Wular Lake, Kashmir
Largest Mosque	: Juma Masjid, Delhi
Busiest Airports(by passenger)	: Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
Biggest Airport (By Area)	: Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
Tallest Building	: Imperial Tower 1, Mumbai

Wonders of the World

1. Ancient Period

1. Hanging Gardens of Babylon
2. Temple of Diana at Ephesus, Rome
3. Statue of Jupiter at Olympia
4. Mausoleum of Mausolus (Ruler of Halicarnassus)
5. Pyramids of Egypt
6. Light House, Alexandria
7. Colossus at Rhodes (912ft.) Statue of Heios, the sun god, stands at one side of the harbour

2. Medieval Period

1. Colosseum of Rome
2. The Great wall of China
3. Porcelain Tower of Nanking
4. Stonehenge of England
5. Mosque at St. Sophia (Constantinople)
6. Catacombs of Alexandria
7. Leaning Tower of Pisa

3. Seven Wonders of the World (Till 07-07-2007)

1. The Great Pyramid of Egypt
2. Hagia Sophia, Istanbul
3. Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy
4. **The Taj Mahal, Agra, India**
5. The Washington Monument, Washington
6. The Eiffel Tower, Paris
7. The Empire State Building, New York

4. Seven `New' Wonders of the World

1. **Taj Mahal, India**
2. Great Wall of China, China
3. Ruins of Petra, Jordan
4. Machu Picchu, Peru
5. Chichen Itza, Maxico
6. Statue of Christ the Redeemer, Brazil
7. Colosseum, Rome

Awards and Honours

International Awards

Nobel Prizes

These Prizes are awarded every year under the name of Dr. Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist and the inventor of Dynamite, who died in 1896. At the time of his death he left a huge sum money. Under his Will a trust was formed to award prizes by the interest earned on the money left behind by him. These prizes are awarded annually for outstanding achievements in (i) Medicine (ii) Peace (iii) Literature (iv) Physics (v) Chemistry Since 1901. From the year 1967 one more (vi) Nobel Prize is being awarded for the achievements in the field of Economics.

Nobel Prize Winners of India

Year	Discipline	Name
1913	Literature	Rabindra Nath Tagore
1930	Physics	C.V. Raman
1968	Medicine	Hargobind Khorana
1979	Peace	Mother Teresa
1983	Physics	Subramanyam Chandrashekar
1998	Economics	Amartya Sen
2009	Chemistry	Dr Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
2014	**Peace**	**Kailash Satyarthi**

Booker Prize winners of India

Year	Author	Books / Novels Name
1971	V.S. Naipaul	A Free State
1981	Salman Rushdie	Midnight's Children
1997	Arundhati Roy	The God Of Small Things
2006	Kiran Desai	The Inheritance Of Loss
2008	Salman Rushdie	Midnight's Children
2008	Aravind Adiga	The White Tiger

Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding: This award was started in 1965 by the Government of India in the name of Sri. Jawaharlal Nehru, First Prime Minister of India for his life long dedication to the cause of world peace and international understanding. This award carries an amount of Rs. 25 lakhs and a citation and is awarded annually to an eminent person for outstanding contribution to the promotion of friendship among the people of the world and international understanding.

Ramon Magsaysay Award : This award was started by Government of Philippines in the honour of its late President Ramon Magsaysay in the year 1958. This award is given annually to Asian nationals or institutions which made outstanding contribution to public service, Community leadership, Journalism, Literature, Creative arts and international understanding.

Kalinga Award : This award was started by the United Nations Educational Scientific and cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to popularise science and technology. It is awarded to eminent persons

who have made worthy contributions as a science writers or ar editors.

Indira Gandhi Award : This award has been instituted by the Government of India in honour of its late Prime Minister Smt Indira Gandhi. This award is given to an eminent person who has made worthy contribution in the field of peace, disarmament and development and is awarded annually by Gandhi memorial Trust

Simon Bolivar Prize : This award is instituted by UNESCO and awarded once in two years. An eminent person who makes outstanding contributions to freedom, independence, dignity of people and to the strengthening of a new international economic social and cultural order.

Oscar Award : This is awarded annually for films. It is the highest award given in the field of films. India's" Satyajit Ray" got this award in the year 1992.

Lady Tata Memorial Award : This is awarded by Lady Tata Memorial Trust and is awarded to outstanding contribution in the field of Medical Science

National Awards

Bharat Ratna : This is India's highest award and given to eminent persons who make outstanding contribution to work in the field of Art, Literature, Science and for recognition of public service of the highest order.

Padma Vibhushan : This is the second highest award given by the Government of India for exceptional and outstanding service in the field including Government services.

Padma Bhushan : This is awarded for outstanding service of a high order inclusive of service rendered by Government servants

Padmashri : It is awarded for outstanding service in any field including Government Service.

Arjuna Award : This is awarded to outstanding sportspersons every year. This award was instituted in the year 1961 and it carries a cash prize besides a Bronze statuette and a scroll of honour.

Bharatiya Jnanapith Award : It is the highest award given for outstanding contribution to the field of Indian Literature. This Award carries a cash Prize of 2.5 lakhs rupees and a citation and replica of the Vagdevi.

Bhatnagar Award : These are awarded in the memory of Late Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for outstanding contribution in any field of science.

Nehru literacy Award : This award is given for outstanding contribution to the promotion of adult education.

Jamnalal Bajaj Award : This award is given for outstanding contribution in the field of constructive work, for research in the application of science and technology to rural development for important contribution to the welfare and upliftment of women and children.

Rajiv Gandhi National Sadhbavana Award : This is awarded in memory of former Prime Minister of India Late Rajiv Gandhi for outstanding work in promoting the unity and brotherhood among the younger generation

Ghalib Award : These awards are given for important contribution to the Urdu Poetry, Urdu Prose and Persian Literature.

Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award : This award recognised "dedicated and outstanding service for rehabilitation of wounded and rejected children"

Dada Saheb Phalke Award : This award is given in memory of Late Dada Saheb Phalke, Father of the Indian Cinema, for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.

Kalidas Samman : This is the national award instituted by madhya Pradesh Government and is given for important contribution to classical dance

Shram Award : These award is instituted by the ministry of Labour, Government of India and are awarded for outstanding contribution of workers in productivity, production and innovative abilities of highest order.

Kabir Samman : This prestigious award has been instituted b the government of Madhya Pradesh and is conferred annually o a person of literature of very high order in any of the India Language.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award : This award is instituted i memory of former Prime Minister of India Late. Sri Rajiv Gandh and is awarded to encourage sports excellence in the country

Gallantry Awards

Param Vir Chakra : The highest decoration for valour, the Paran Vir Chakra is awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or som daring or prominent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presenc of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air.

Maha Vir Chakra : It is the second highest decoration and i awarded for conspicuous gallantry in the presence of enemy whether on land, at sea or in the air.

Vir Chakra : The Vir Chakra is third in the order of award give for act of gallantry in the presence of enemy, whether on land, a sea or in the air.

Ashoka Chakra : The Ashoka Chakra is awarded for the mos conspicuous bravery or some daring or prominent act of valou or self - sacrifice on land, at sea or in the air.

Kirti Chakra : The Kirti Chakra is awarded for conspicuou gallantry.

Shaurya Chakra : Shaurya Chakra is awarded for an act o gallantry.

Apart from the above, the following medals are given to th personnel of the armed forces for meritorious services.

1. Param Vishishta Seva Medal
2. Ati Vishishta Seva Medal
3. Vishishta Seva Medal
4. Sena Medal
5. Nao Medal
6. Vayu Sena Medal

Jeevan Raksha Awards : These medals are awarded to person for their meritorious acts or a series of acts of a human nature

displayed in saving a person from drowning, fire and rescue operations in the mines etc.

Sarvottam Jeevan Padak : This medal is awarded for conspicuous courage under circumstances of very great danger to the life of the rescuer

Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak : This medal is awarded for courage and promptitude under circumstances of great danger to the life of the rescuer.

Important cups and Trophies associated with Sports

International Trophy/Cups	Sports
American Cup	Boat Rowing, Yacht Racing
Ashes	Cricket (Australia-England)
Asia Cup	Cricket
Benson and Hedges Cup	Cricket
Canada Cup	Golf (World Championship)
Champion Trophy	Hockey(Men)
Colombo Cup	Football (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar)
Corbillion Cup	Table Tennis (Women)
Davis Cup	Tennis
Derby	Horse Racing (England)
Eisenhower Trophy	Golf
Holker	Bridge
Indira Gandhi Gold Cup	Hockey (Women)
Jules Rimet Cup	Football (Soccer) for men
King's Cup	Air Races (England)
Merdeka	Football (Men)
Prince of Wales Cup	Golf (England)
Reliance Cup	Cricket
Rothman's Cup	Cricket
Ryder Cup	Golf (England)
Schneider Cup	Seaplane Race (England)
Swaythling Cup	World Table Tennis (Men)
Todd Memorial Trophy	Basketball

Thomas Cup	World Badminton (Men)
Tunku Abdul Rahman Cup	Asian Badminton
Uber Cup	World Badminton
Yonex Cup	Badmintion
Walker Cup	Golf
Westehester Cup	Polo (England)
Wightman Cup	Lawn Tennis
William Cup	Basket Ball
Wimbledon Trophy	Tennis

National Trophy/Cups	Sports
Aga Khan Cup	Hockey
Agarwal Cup	Badminton
All India Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup	Hockey
All India Guru Nanak Championship	Hockey (Women)
Banglore Blues Challenge Cup	Basketball
Barna - Bellack Cup	Table Tennis (Men)
Beighton Cup	Hockey
Bombay (Mumbai) Cup	Hockey
Chakola Gold Trophy	Weight lifting
C.K. Naidu Trophy	Cricket
Challengers Cup	Cricket
DCM Trophy	Football
Deodhar Trophy	Cricket
Dhyan Chand Trophy	Hockey
Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy	Football (National Junior
Duleep Trophy	Cricket
Durand Cup	Football
Ezra Cup	Pola
F.A. Cup	Football
I.F.A. Shield	Football
Irani Cup	Cricket
Jayalaxmi Cup	Table Tennis (Women)
Kuppuswamy Naidu Trophy	Hockey

ady Ratan Tata Trophy	Hockey
Iodi Gold Cup	Hockey
Iurugappa Gold Cup	Hockey
Iational League	Football
Iehru Trophy	Hockey/BoatRace (Kerala)
Iizam Gold Cup	Football
baidullah Gold Cup	Hockey
adha Mohan Cup	Polo
PL T20 Trophy	Cricket
anji Trophy	Cricket

Venues of Summer Olympic Games

Year	Place	Country
896	Athens	Greece
900	Paris	France
904	St. Louis	USA
908	London	England
912	Stockholm	Sweden
920	Antwerp	Belgium
924	Paris	France
928	Amsterdam	Holland
932	Los Angeles	USA
936	Berlin	Germany
948	London	England
952	Helsinki	Finland
956	Melbourne	Australia
960	Rome	Italy
964	Tokyo	Japan
968	Mexico City	Mexico
972	Munich	West Germany
976	Montreal	Canada
980	Moscow	USSR
984	Los Angeles	USA
988	Seoul	South Korea
992	Barcelona	Spain
996	Atlanta	USA

2000	Sydney	Australia
2004	Athens	Greece
2008	China	Beijing
2012	London	England
2016	**Rio de Janeiro**	**Brazil**
2020	**Tokyo**	**Japan**

Note : Due to I and II World war 1916, 1940 and 1944 Olympic Game were not held.

2012 London Olympics Medals Tally Top Ten Nations

Country	G	S	B	Total	Country	G	S	B	Total
1. USA)	46	29	29	104	6. Germany	11	19	14	44
2. China	38	27	23	88	7. France	11	11	12	34
3.G Britain	29	17	19	65	8. Italy	8	9	11	28
4.Russia	24	26	32	82	9. Hungary	8	4	5	17
5.S Korea	13	8	7	28	10. Australia	7	16	12	35

India's Best At Beijing Olympics

G	S	B	Total
0	2	4	6

India at the 2012 Summer London Olympics

Medal	Name	Sport	Event
Silver	Vijay Kumar	Shooting	Men's 25 m rapid fire
Silver	Sushil Kumar	Wrestling	Men's 66 kg freestyle
Bronze	Gagan Narang	Shooting	Men's 10 m air rifle
Bronze	Saina Nehwal	Badminton	Women's singles
Bronze	Mary Kom	Boxing	Women's flyweight
Bronze	Yogeshwar Dutt	Wrestling	Men's 60kg Freestyle

Venues of Winter Olympic Games

Year	Place	Country
1924	Chamonix	France
1928	St. Moritz	Switzerland
1932	Lake Placid	New York (USA)
1936	Garmisch Parten Kirchen	Germany
1948	St. Moritz	Switzerland

1952	Oslo	Norway
1956	Cortina d'Ampezzo	Italy
1960	Squaw Valley	California (USA)
1964	Innsbruck	Austria
1968	Grenoble	France
1972	Sappora	Japan
1976	Innsbruck	Austria
1980	Lake Placid	New York (USA)
1984	Sarajevo	Yugoslavia
1988	Calgary	Canada
1992	Albertville	France
1994	Lillehammer	Norway
1998	Nagano	Japan
2002	Salt Lake City	USA
2006	Turin	Italy
2010	Vancouver	Canada
2014	Sochi, Krasnodar Krai	Russia
2018	Pyeongchang	South Korea (To be held)

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Venues of Asian Games

Year	Place	Country
1951	**New Delhi**	**India**
1954	Manila	Philippines
1958	Tokyo	Japan
1962	Jakarta	Indonesia
1966	Bangkok	Thailand
1970	Bangkok	Thailand
1974	Teheran	Iran
1978	Bangkok	Thailand
1982	**New Delhi**	**India**
1986	Seoul	South Korea
1990	Beijing	China
1994	Hiroshima	Japan

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1998	Bangkok	Thailand
2002	Busan	South Korea
2006	Doha	Qatar
2010	Guangzhou	China
2014	Incheon	S.Korea
2018	Jakarta	Indonesia(To be held)

2014 Asian Games Medal table

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	151	108	83	342
2	South Korea	79	71	84	234
3	Japan	47	76	77	200
4	Kazakhstan	28	23	33	84
5	Iran	21	18	18	57
6	Thailand	12	7	28	47
7	North Korea	11	11	14	36
8	**India**	**11**	**10**	**36**	**57**
9	Chinese Taipei	10	18	23	51
10	Qatar	10	0	4	14

Venues of Commonwealth Games

Year	Place	Country	No. of Countries
1930	Hamilton	Canada	11
1934	London	England	16
1938	Sydney	Australia	15
1950	Auckland	New Zealand	12
1954	Vancouver	Canada	54
1958	Cardiff	England	35
1962	Perth	Australia	35
1966	Kingston	Jamaica	34
1970	Edinburgh	England	42
1974	Christchurch	New Zealand	38
1978	Edmonton	Canada	48
1982	Brisbane	Australia	47
1986	Edinburgh	England	26

1990	Auckland	New Zealand	55
1994	Victoria	Canada	64
1998	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	70
2002	Manchester	England	72
2006	Melbourne	Australia	72
2010	**New Delhi**	**India**	**85**
2014	Glasgow	Scotland	71
2018	**Gold Coast,** Queensland(Australia) To be held		

Note : During 1942 and 1946 Commonwealth Games were not held due to World War II

Top 5 medals tally of the Commonwealth Games 2014

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	England	58	59	57	174
2	Australia	49	42	46	137
3	Canada	32	16	34	82
4	Scotland	19	15	19	53
5	**India**	**15**	**30**	**19**	**64**

Winners of World Cup Football

Year	Winner	Runner up
1930	Uruguay	Argentina
1934	Italy	Czechoslovakia
1938	Italy	Hungary
1950	Urguay	Brazil
1954	West Germany	Hungary
1958	Brazil	Sweden
1962	Brazil	Czechoslovakia
1966	England	West Germany
1970	Brazil	Italy
1974	West Germany	Poland
1978	Argentina	Holland
1982	Italy	West Germany
1986	Argentina	West Germany
1990	West Germany	Argentina

1994	Brazil	Italy
1998	France	Brazil
2002	Brazil	Germany
2006	Italy	France
2010	Spain	Netherland
2014	**Germany**	**Argentina**
2018	Russia **(Scheduled)**	

World Cup Cricket

World Cup cricket was started in the year 1975. This tournament is held once in four years

Year	Venue	Winners	Captain of the Team	Margin
1975	England	West Indies	Clive Lloyd	17 runs
1979	England	WestIndies	Clive Lloyd	92 runs
1983	**England**	**India**	**Kapil Dev**	**43 runs**
1987	India-Pak	Australia	Allan Border	7 runs
1992	Australia	Pakistan	Imran Khan	22 runs
1996	Ind-Pak-SL	Sri Lanka	Arjuna Ranatunga	7 runs
1999	England	Australia	Steve Waugh	8 wickets
2003	South Africa	Australia	Ricky Ponting	125 runs
2007	West Indies	Australia	Ricky Ponting	53 runs
2011	Ind-Benl-SL	**India**	**M.S. Dhoni**	**6 wicket**
2015	Aus & N Z	Australia	M J Clarke	**7 wicket**
2019	England (Scheduled)			
2023	**India (Scheduled)**			

Champions League Twenty20 -Cricket Winners

Year	Winner	Runner	Host
2009	N S Wales Blues	Trin and Tobago	India
2010	Chennai Super Kings	Warriors	South Africa
2011	Mumbi Indians	R C Bangalore	India
2012	Sydney Sixers	Highveld Lions	South Africa
2013	Mumbai Indians	Rajasthan Royals	India
2014	Chennai Super Kings	Kolkata K Riders	India

ICC - Twenty20 -World Cup Cricket

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners	Captain of the Team	Margin
2007	S. Africa	India	Pakistan	M.S. Dhoni	5 runs
2009	England	Pakistan	Srilanka	Yunis Khan	8 wks
2010	W. Indies	England	Australia	Collingwood	7 wks
2012	Sri Lanka	W. Indies	Sri Lanka	D.Swamy	36runs
2014	B desh	Sri Lanka	India	L. Malinga	6wks
2016	India	W. Indies	England	D.Swamy	4wks

Indian Premier League

Season	Winners	Runner-up	No of Teams
2008	Rajasthan Royals	C Super Kings	8
2009	H Deccan Chargers	R C Bangalore	8
2010	Chennai Super Kings	Mumbai Indians	8
2011	Chennai Super Kings	R C Bangalore	10
2012	Kolkata Knight Riders	Chennai Super Kings	9
2013	Mumbai Indians	Chennai Super Kings	9
2014	Kolkata Knight Riders	Kings XI Punjab	8
2015	Mumbai Indians	Chennai Super Kings	8
2016	Sunrisers Hyderabad	R C Bangalore	8

Women Rulers of the World

No.	Name	Post	Year	Country
1.	Sirimavo Bandaranaike	Prime Minister	1960	Sri Lanka
2.	**Indira Gandhi**	**Prime Minister**	**1966**	**India**
3.	Golda Meir	Prime Minister	1969	Israel
4.	Maria Isbel Peron	President	1974	Argentina
5.	Margaret Hilda Thatcher	Prime Minister	1979	Britain
6.	Lydia Gveiler Tejada	President	1979	Bolivia
7.	Mary Eugenia Charles	Prime Minister	1980	Dominica
8.	Vigdis Finnbogadottir	President	1980	Iceland
9.	Gro Harlem Brunditland	Prime Minister	1981	Norway
10.	Corozon Aquino	President	1986	Philippines

No.	Name	Post	Year	Country
11.	Maria Liberia Peters Antilles	Prime Minister	1988	Netherland
12.	Benazir Bhutto	Prime Minister	1988	Pakistan
13.	Mary Robinson	President	1990	Ireland
14.	Herta Praulopp	President	1990	Haiti
15.	Kazimiera Prunskiene	Prime Minister	1990	Lithuania
16.	Violeta Barrios De Chamorro	President	1990	Nicaragua
17.	Khaleeda Zia	Prime Minister	1991	Bangladesh
18.	Edith Cresson	Prime Minister	1991	France
19.	Hanna Suchocka	Prime Minister	1992	Poland
20.	Kim Campbell	Prime Minister	1993	Canada
21.	Tansu Ciller	Prime Minister	1993	Turkey
22.	Chandrika Kumaratunge	President	1994	Sri Lanka
23.	Claudet Verle	Prime Minister	1995	Haiti
24.	Sheik Hasina	Prime Minister	1996	Bangladesh
25.	Ruth Perry	President	1996	Liberia
26.	Rosalia Arteaga	President	1997	Ecuador
27.	Pamela Gordon	Prime Minister	1997	Bermuda
28.	Mary Mc Aleese	President	1997	Ireland
29.	Janet Jagan	Prime Minister	1997	Guyana
30.	Jenny Shipley	Prime Minister	1997	NewZealand
31.	Ruth Dreifuss	President	1999	Switzerland
32.	Mireya Moscoso	President	1999	Panama
33.	Vaira Vike Freiberga	President	1999	Latvia
34.	Helen Clarke	Prime Minister	1999	Newzealand
35.	Tarja Halonen	President	2000	Finland
36.	Silvia Cartwright	Governor Gen.	2001	NewZealand
37.	Begum Khalida Zia	Prime Minister	2001	Bagladesh
38.	Angela Merkel	Chancellor	2005	Germany
39.	Ms. Michelle Bachelet	President	2006	Chile
40.	Ms.E J Sirleaf	President	2006	Libia
41.	Ms. P Simpson Miller	Prime Minister	2006	Jamaica
42.	**Pratibha Patel**	**President**	**2007**	**India**
43.	Quentin Bryce	Governor General	2008	Australia

No.	Name	Post	Year	Country
44.	Johanna Sigurdardottir	Prime Minister	2009	Iceland
45.	Jadranka Kosor	Prime Minister	2009	Croatia
46.	Dalia Grybauskaite	President	2009	Lithunia
47.	Cristina Kirchner	President	2010	Argentina
48.	Julia Gillard	Prime Minister	2011	Australia
49.	Dilma Rousseff	President	2011	Brazil
50.	Joyce Banda	President	2012	Malawi
51.	Park Geun-Hye	President	2013	South Korea
52.	Alenka Bratusek	Prime Minister	2013	Slovenia
53.	Sibel Siber	Prime Minister	2013	Cyprus (N)
54.	Erna Solberg	Prime Minister	2013	Norway
55.	Michelle Bachelet	President	2014	Chile
56.	M-Louise Coleiro Preca	President	2014	Malta
57.	Bindhya Devi Bandhari	President	2015	Nepal
58.	Ameenah Gurib-Fakim	President	2015	Mauritius
59.	Beata Szydto	Prime Minister	2015	Poland
60.	Aung San Suu Ky	State Councillor	2016	Myanmar
61.	Tsai Ing-wen	President	2016	Taiwan

Continents of the World(2014)

Name	Area (sq. km)	% of Earth's Area	Population Estimated	
Asia	43,998,000	29.5	4,164,252,000	(60%)
Africa	29,800,000	20.4	1,022,234,000	(15%)
N. America	21,510,000	16.4	542,056,000	(8%)
S. America	17,598,000	12	392,555,000	(6%)
Europe	9,699,550	6.7	738,199,000	(11%)
Australia	7,699,000	5.8	29,127,000	(0.4%)
Antarctica	13,600,000	9.2	uninhabitted	

The total land area of all continents is 148,647,000 square kilometres (57,393,000 sq mi), or 29.1% of earth's surface (510,065,600 km2 or 196,937,400 sq mi). A rough estimate of the total population of all the continents is 7,181,858,619.

Oceans of the World

Pacific	166, 241,000 Sq km.
Atlantic	86,557,000 Sq km.
Indian	73,427,000 Sq km.
Arctic	9,485,000 Sq km.

Oceans Greatest Depths

Mariana Trench, Pacific Ocean	10,920m
Puerto Rico Trench, Atlantic Ocean	8,605m
Java Trench, Indian Ocean	7,125m
Arctic Basin, Arctic Ocean	5,122m

Major Seas

South China	2,974,600 Sq km
Caribbean	2,515,900 Sq km
Mediterranean	2,510,000 Sq km
Bering	2,261,100 Sq km
Gulf of Mexico	1,507,600 Sq km
Sea of Okhotsk	1,392,100 Sq km
Sea of Japan or East Sea	1,012,900 Sq km
Hudson Bay	730,100 Sq km
East China	664,600 Sq km
Andaman	564,900 Sq km
Black	507,900 Sq km
Red	453,000 Sq km

Deep Sea Trenches

Name	Length	Dept(M)	Deepest pt.
Mariana W.Pacific	2250	11,033	Challenger Deep
Tonga Kermadec S.Pacific	2575	10882	Vityaz 11 (Tonga
Kuril-Kamchatka W.Pacific	2250	10542	
Philippine W.Pacific	1350	10540	Galathea Deep
Java-Indian Ocean	2250	7725	Planet Deep

Longest Rivers of the World

Name	Country/Continent	Length (in km)
Nile	Africa	6650
Amazon	S.America	6437
Mississippi-Missouri	USA	6020
Yangtze Kiang	China	5494
Ob-Irtysh	Russia	5410
Zaire	Africa	4700
Lena	Russia	4400
Hwang Ho	China	4344
Mackenzie	Canada	4241
Mekong	Asia	4180
Niger	Africa	4180
St.Lawrence	Canada-USA	4023
Parana	S.America	4000
Yenisey	Russia	3804
Murray-Darling	Australia	3780
Volga	Russia	3690
Zambezi	Africa	3540
Maderia	S.America	3218
Purus	S.America	3200
Yukon-Teslin	Alaska-Canada	3185
Rio Grande	USA-Mexico	3040
Indus	Asia	2900
Brahmaputra	Asia	2900
Danube	Europe	2850
Amur	Asia	2824
Salween	Asia	2840
Shatt al-Arab	Tigris-Euphrates	2740
Si	China	2650
Orinoco	S.America	2575
Nelson	Canada	2570
Ural	Russia, Kazakhstan	2533
Ganga	India	2510

World Countries, Capitals and Currencies

Country	Capital	Currency
Afghanistan	Kabul	Afghani
Albania	Tirana	Lek
Algeria	Luanda	Dinar(DA)
Andorra	Andorre-la-vieille	Franc , Pesta
Angola	Luanda	Re-adjested Kwanza
Argentina	Beunus Aires	Peso
Armenia	Yerevan	The dram
Australia	Canberra	Australian Dollar
Austria	Vienna	Euro
Bahrain	Manama	Baharani Dinar
Bangladesh	**Dhaka**	**Taka**
Barbados	Bridgetown	Barbados Dollar(BD)
Belarus	Minsk	Ruble
Belgium	Brussels	Euro
Bhutan	Thimphu	Ngultrum
Bolivia	La Paz and Sucre	The Boliviano
Botswana	Gaborone	Pula
Brazil	Brasilia	Real
Bulgaria	Sofia	Lev
Combodia	Phnom-Penh	Riel
Cameroon	Yaounde	CFA Franc
Canada	Ottawa	Dollar
Chile	Santiago	Peso
China	**Beijing(Peking)**	**Renminbi(Yuan)**
Colombia	Bogota	Peso
Costa Rica	San Jose	Colon
Croatia	Zagreb	Kuna
Cuba	Havana	Peso
Czech Republic	Prague	The Koruna
Denmark	Copenhagen	Danish Krone
Dominica	Roseau	East Caribbean Dolla

Country	Capital	Currency
Ecuador	Quito	US Dollar and Sucre
Egypt	Cairo	Egyptian Pound
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Birr
Finland	Helsinki	Euro
France	Paris	Euro
Georgia	Tbilisi	The Lari
Germany	Berlin	Euro
Ghana	Accra	Cedi
Greece	Athens	Euro
Grenada	St.George 's	East Caribbean Dollar
Guinea	Conakry	Franc
Guyana	Georgetown	Guyana Dollar
Hong Kong	Victoria	Hong kong Dollar
Hungary	Budapest	Forint
Iceland	Reykjavik	Krona
India	**New Delhi**	**Rupee**
Indonesia	Jakarta	Rupiah
Iran	Teheran	Rial
Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi Dinar
Ireland	Dublin	Euro
Israel	Jerusalem	New Shekel
Italy	Rome	Euro
Jamaica	Kingston	Dollar
Japan	Tokyo	Yen
Jordan	Amman	Dinar
Kazakhstan	Astana	Tenge
Kenya	Nairobi	Schilling
Korea(North)	Pyongyang	Won (KPW)
Korea (South)	Seoul	Won
Kuwait	Kuwait city	Kuwait Dinar
Lebanon	Beirut	Pound
Liberia	Monrovia	Liberian Dollar

Country	Capital	Currency
Libya	Tripoli	Libyan Dinar
Lithuania	Vilnius(Vilna)	Litas
Macedonia	Skopjė	Denar
Malawi	Lilongwe	Kwacha
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Ringgit
Maldives	**Male**	**Rufiyaa**
Mali	Bamako	CFA Franc
Mauritius	**Port Louis**	**Rupee**
Mexico	Mexico City	New Peso
Mangolia	Ulan Bator	Tugrik
Morocco	Rabat	Dirham
Mozambique	Maputo	Metical
Myanmar	Yangon(Rangoon)	Kyat
Namibia	Windhoek	Dollar
Nepal	**Kathmandu**	**Nepalese Rupee**
The Netherlands	Amsterdan	Euro
New Zealand	Wellington	New Zealand Dollar
Nigeria	Abuja	Naira
Norway	Oslo	Krone
Oman	Muscat	Rial Omani
Pakistan	**Islamabad**	**Rupees**
Panama	Panama City	Balboa
The Philippines	Manila	Peso
Poland	Warsaw	Zloty
Portugal	Lisbon	Euro
Qatar	Doha	Riyal(QAR)
Romania	Bucharest	Leu (plural Lei)
Russia	Moscow	Ruble
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh & Jeddah	Rial(SAR)
Senegal	Dakar	CFA Franc
Singapore	Singapore City	Singapore Dollar
South Africa	Pretoria & Cape Town	Rand

Country	Capital	Currency
Spain	Madrid	Euro
Sri Lanka	**Sri Jayavarthana Pura (Colombo)**	**Rupee**
Sudan	Khartoum	Dinar
Switzerland	Mbabane	Franc
Syria	Damascus	Syrian Pound
Sweden	Stockholm	Krona
Taiwan	Taipei	New Taiwan Dollar
Thailand	Bangkok	Baht
Turkey	Ankara	Turkish Lira
Uganda	Kampala	Uganda Schilling
U A E	Abu Dhabi	Dirham
United Kingdom	London	Euro
USA	Washington	Dollar
Vatican City	Vatican City	Euro
Venezuela	Caracas	Bollivar
Vietnam	Hanoi	Dong
Zimbabwe	Harare	Dollar (ZWD)

Abbreviations

A

AAI : Airport Authority of India
AAFI : Amateur Athletics Federation of India
AAP : Aam Admi Party
ABC : Audit Bureau of Circulation
AC : Ante Christum (Before Christ)
: Air Conditioner
AD : Anno Domini (in the year of our Lord)
ADB : Asian Development Bank
AG : Accountant General/ Auditor General
AI : Air India/ Artificial Intelligence
AIAIDMK : All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
AICTE : All India Council for Technical Education

AIDS : Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIFF : All India Football Federation
AIIMS : All India Institute of Medical Sciences
AINEC : All India Newspaper Editor's Conference
AITUC : All India Trade Union Congress
AM : Ante Meridian (before noon); Amplitude Modulati
ANC : African National Congress
ASAP : As Soon as Possible
ASEAN : Association of South East Asian Nations
ASP : Application Service Provider
AT&T : American Telegraphic and Telephone Co. Ltd.,
ATM : Automated Teller Machine; Asynchronous Transf Mod
AWACS : Airborne Early Warning and Control System

B

B2B : Business to Business
BARC : Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
BBC : British Broadcasting Corporation
BC : Before Christ
BHEL : Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd
BIOS : Basic Input Output System
BIS : Bureau of Indian Standard
BJP : Bharatiya Janata Party
BP : Blood Pressure
BPO : Business process outsourcing
BPS : Bytes Per Second
BSE : Bombay Stock Exchange
BSF : Border Security Force
BSNL : Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
BSP : Bahujan Samaj Party
BT : Bio-Technology

C

C&W : Cable and Wireless
C-In-C : Commander-in-Chief

/O : Care of
A : Chartered Accountant
AG : Comtroller and Auditor General of India
AT : Career Aptitude Test/ Common Admission Test
BFC : Central Board of Film Certification
BI : Central Bureau of Investigation
D : Compact Disk/ Certificate of Deposit
DMA : Code Division Multiple Access
EO : Chief Executive Officer
CP : Cut Copy Paste
FSL : Central Forensic Science Laboratory
IA : Central Intelligence Agency
ISF : Central Industrial Security Force
ID : Criminal Investigation Department
II : Confederation of Indian Industry
ITU : Center of Indian Trade Union
MP : Common Minimum Programme
NN : Cable News Network
OD : Cash on Delivery
COMPUTER : Commonly Operated Machine Purposely Used for Training Education and Research
PU : Central Processing Unit
CPI : Comunist Party of India
CPI(M) : Comunist Party of India (Marxist)
RY : Child Relief and You
SIR : Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
SO : Central Statistical Organisation
T : Computerised Tomography
TBT : Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
VR : Cockpit Voice Recorder
WC : Chemical Weapons Convention
YMK : Cyan, Yellow, Magenta, Kinda

D

DA : Dearness Allowances
Dr : Doctor
D.Litt. : Doctor of Literature
D.Phil. : Doctor of Philosophy
D.Sc : Doctor of Science
DAP : Di-Ammonium Nitrate
DIAS : DOT's Internet Access Service
DIG : Deputy Inspector General
DMK : Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
DMDK : Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam
DNA : Deoxyribo-nucleic Acid
DRDO : Defence Research and Development Organization
DSB : Digital Satellite Broadcasting
DTS : Digital Theatre System
DV : Deo Volente (God Willing)
DVD : Digital Versatile/Video Disc
DVI : Digital Video Interactive

E

E : Engine
E-MAIL : Electronic Mailing
ELINT : Electronic Intelligence
ELT : English Language Teaching
EMRC : Educational Media Research Centre
EMI : Equated Monthly Instalments
ENS : Eastern News Paper Society
EPIRB : Emergency Position Indication Radio Beacon
ER&DC : Electronic Research and Development Center
ERP : Enterprise Resource Planning
ERNET : Educational and Research Network
ESA : European Space Agency
ESIC : Employee's State Insurance Corporation
ESLC : Elementary School Level Certificate
ESMA : Essential Services Maintenance Act

EVR : Electro Video Recording
EVM : Electronic Voting Machine

F

FAI : Fertilizer Association of India
FAO : Food and Agriculture Organisation
FBI : Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCI : Food Corporation of India; Fertilizer Corporation of India
FCNRA : Foreign Currency Non-Resident Accounts
FERA : Foreign Exchange Regulation Act
FICCI : Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
FIFA : International Football Federation
FIR : First Information Report
FIRE : Fully integrated Robotised Engine
FM : Frequency Modulation/ Finance Minister
For : Free on Rail
FRCP : Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
FRGS : Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society
FRS : Fellow of the Royal Society
FTII : Films and Television Institute of India
FYI : For Your Information

G

G7 : Group of Seven (US, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, England and Canada)
G8 : Group of Eight (US, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, England, Canada and Russia)
GAT : General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP : Gross Domestic Product
GEMS : Gateway Electronic Mail Service
GMT : Greenwich Mean Time
GRS : Gender Reassignment Surgery (Sex change)
GSI : Geological Survey of India
GSLV : Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle
GSM : Global System for Mobile Communications

H

HAL : Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
HBV : Hepatitis-B Virus
HMT : Hindustan Machine Tools
Hon : Honorable, Honorary
HRPT : High Resolution Picture Transmission
HSD : High Speed Diesel
HT : High Tension
HTTP : Hyper Text Transfer Protocol
HUDCO : Housing and Urban Development Corp.
HV : High Voltage

I

IA : Indian Airlines
IA&AS : Indian Audit and Accounts Services
IAAI : International Airport Authority of India
IAEA : International Atomic Energy Agency
IAS : Indian Administrative Service
ICC : International Cricket Council
ICAO : International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICL : Indian Cricket League
ICMR : Indian Council of Medical Research
ICPD : International Conference on Population and Development
ICWAI : Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India
IDBI : Industrial Development Bank of India
IDE : Intergrated Device Electronics
IELTS : International English Language Testing System
IFAD : International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFC : International Finance Corporation
IFS : Indian Foreign Service/ Indian Forest Service
IFRI : Indian Forest Research Institute
IGIDR : Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research

IGNOU : Indira Gandhi National Open University
IPL : Indian Primier Legue
IIPA : Indian Institute of Public Administration
IISCO : Indian Iron and Steel Company
IIT : Indian Institute of Technology
IT : Information Technology
IMF : International Monetary Fund
INA : Indian National Army
INSAT : Indian National Satellite
INTERPOL : International Police
INTUC : Indian National Trade Union Congress
IOC : Indian Oil Corporation
IOU : I Owe You
IP : Internet Protocol
IPC : Indian Penal Code
IPCL : Indian Petro-Chemicals Corporation Ltd
IPL : Indian Premier League
IPS : Indian Police Service
IQ : Intelligence Quotient
ISBN : International Standard Book Number
ISC : Indian School Certificate
ISI : Indian Standards Institution
ISKCON : International Society for Krishna Consciousness
ISO : International Standards Organisation
ISRO : Indian Space Research Organisation
IST : Indian Standard Time
ITI : Indian Telephone Industries

J

JCO : Junior Commissioned Officer
JD(S) : Janatadal (Secular)
JP : Justice of Peace
JPEG : Joint Photographic Expert Group

K

KG : Knight of the Garter, Kinder Garden
KGF : Kolar Gold Field
KRC : Konkan Railway Corporation

L

LASER : Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LAN : Local Area Network
LCA : Light Combat Aircraft
LCD : Liquid Crystal Display/ Least Common Denominator
LCM : Least Common Multiple
LIC : Life Insurance Corporation (of India)
LOC : Line of Control
LPG : Liquefied Petroleum Gas
Lt.Col. : Lieutenant Colonel

M

MA : Master of Arts
MBBS : Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
MBA : Master of Business Administration
MBM : Master of Bank Management
MCA : Master of Computer Application
M.Com. : Master of Commerce
M.C.E. : Master of Computer Engineering
M.D. : Doctor of Medicine/Managing Director
MDMK : Marumlarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
M.E. : Master of Engineering
M.Pharm : Master of Pharmacy
M.Phil. : Master of Philosophy
MS : Master of Surgery
M.Sc. : Master of Science
M.Tech. : Master of Technology
Misc. : Miscelleneous
MIS : Management Information System
MLA : Member of Legislative Assembly

MLC : Member of Legislative Council
MNC : Multi-National Company
MODEM : Modulator demodulator
MOU : Memorandum of Understanding
MP : Member of Parliament
MPEG : Motion Picture Experts Group
MPH(Mph) : Miles Per Hour
MS : Manuscript
MVC : Maha Vir Chakra

N

NA : Not Available
NAA : National Airports Authority
NABARD : National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NAFED : National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation
NAFTA : North American Free Trade Agreement
NASA : National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASDAQ : National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation
NASSCOM : National Association of Software and Service Companies
NATO : North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NATAPC : National Transportation Planning and Research Centre
NCC : National Cadet Corps
NCERT : National Council of Educational Research and Training
NCP : National Congress Party
NEWS : North East West South
NDA : National Defence Academy
NDC : National Development Council
NGO : Non-Government Organisation
NIMHANS : National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences

NOC : No Objection Certificate
NRI : Non-Resident Indian
NSC : National Saving Certificate
NSUI : National Students Union of India
NTPC : National Thermal Power Corporation

O

O&M : Organisation & Methods
OIGS : On India Government Service
ONGC : Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
OPEC : Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OT : Over Time
OUS : Open University System

P

PAC : Public Accounts Committee
PAN : Permanent Account Number
PC : Post Card/ Personal Computer/ Per Cent
PCO : Public Call Office
PG : Post Graduate
PGDCA : Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application
Ph.D. : Doctor of Philosophy (Philosophiae Doctor)
PIB : Press Information Bureau
PIN : Postal Index Number
PM : Prime Minister
PS : Post Scriptum (written after)/ Private Secretary
PSLV : Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle
PTI : Press Trust of India
PTO : Please Turn Over
PWD : Public Works Department

Q

Q : Queen
QMS : Quick Mail Service
QV : Quodwide

R

R&D : Research and Development
RRB : Railway Recuritment Board
RADAR : Radio Detecting and Ranging
RAM : Random Access Memory
RAW : Research & Analysis Wing
RBI : Reserve Bank of India
RD : Refer To Drawer
ROM : Read Only Memory
RONW : Return on net worth
RPM : Revolutions Per Minute
RPF : Railway Protection Force
RTG : Radio-isotope Thermo-electric Generator

S

S&T : Science and Technology
SAIL : Steel Authority of India Limited
SEBI : Securities and Exchange Board of India
SENSEX : Sensitivity Index (of Share Price)
SLV : Satellite Launch Vehicle
SP : Samajwadi Party
SSLC : Secondary School Level Certificate
STAR(TV) : Satellite Television Asian Region Ltd
STD : Subscriber Trunk Dialling
STP : Software Technology Park

T

TA : Territorial Army; Travelling Allowance
TB : Tuberculosis
TBSE : Technology Bureau for Small Enterprise
TCP : Transfer Call Protocol
TELCO : Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company
TIPS : Technology Information Pilot System
TOSCO : Tata Iron and Steel Company
TWT : Two Way Time

U

UNCIP : United National Commission for India & Pakistan
UNCLOS : United Nation Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD : United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNEP : United Nations Environment Program
UNESCO : United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNPF : United nations Population Fund
UNI : United News of India
UNICEF : United Nations International Children's Emergency fund (now, 'United Nations Children's Fund')
UNIDO : United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
UNITA : Union for the Total Independence of Angola
UNRRA : United Nations Relief and Rehabiliation Administration
UPA : United Progressive Alliance
UPS : Uninterrupted Power Supply
UPSC : Union Public Service Commission
URL : Uniform Resource Locator
UTI : Unit Trust of India

V

VAN : Virtual Area Network
VAT : Value Added Tax
VB : Visual Basic
VC : Vice-Chancellor
VCR : Video Cassette Recorder
VHS : Video Home System
VIP : Very Important Person
VIRUS : Vital Information Resources Under Siege
Vr.C : Vir Chakra
VSSC : Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
VRS : Voluntary Retirement Scheme

W

WAN : Wide Area Network
WEF : World Economic Forum
WG : Working Group
WHO : World Health Organisation
WTO : World Trade Organisation
WWW : World Wide Web

X

XMas : Christmas
XMLE : Extensible Mark-up Language
XPE : X-Ray Photo Electron Diffraction

Y

YMCA : Young Men's Christian Association
YMMV : Your Milage May Vary
YWCA : Young Women's Christian Association

Z

ZP : Zilla Parishad
ZO : Zonal Officer
ZIFT : Zygote Intra Fallopian Transfer
ZIP : Zone Improvement Plan

SOBRIQUETS and Primary Names

Bengal's Sorrow	- **River Damodar**
City of the Golden Gate	- **San Francisco, USA**
City of the Golden Temple	- **Amritsar**
City of Dreaming Spires	- **Oxford, UK**
City of Seven Hills / Eternal City	- **Rome**
Cockpit of Europe	- **Belgium**
Dark Continent	- **Africa**
Emerald Island	- **Ireland**
Empire City / City of Skyscrapers	- **New York , USA**
Gate of Tears	- **Bab- el-mandab**
Gateway of India	- **Mumbai**
Gift of the Nile	- **Egypt**

Great White way	- **Broadway , New York**
Garden City of India	- **Bangalore**
Granary of South India	- **Thanjavur**
Herring Pond	- **Atlantic Ocean**
Holy Land	- **Palestine**
Hermit Kingdom / Land of morning Calm	- **Korea**
Island of Cloves	- **Zanzibar**
Island of Pearl	- **Bahrain**
Key of the Mediterranean	- **Gibraltar**
Land of Cakes	- **Scotland**
Land of the Humming Bird	- **Trinidad**
Land of the Kangaroo / Land of the Golden Fleece	- **Australia**
Land of the Golden Pagoda	- **Myanmar (Burma)**
Land of Maple / Lady of Snow	- **Canada**
Land of Midnight Sun	- **Norway**
Land of Rising Sun	- **Japan**
Land of Thousand Lakes	- **Finland**
Land of Thunderbolt	- **Bhutan**
Land of the white Elephants	- **Thailand**
Never Never Land	- **Prairies of N. Austral**
Pink City	- **Jaipur**
Play Ground of Europe	- **Switzerland**
Queen of the Adriatic	- **Venice, Italy**
Queen of the Arabian Sea	- **Kochi**
Roof of the World	- **Pamirs**
Sorrow of China	- **River Hwang Ho**
Spice Garden of India	- **Kerala**
Sugar Bowl of the World	- **Cuba**
The Sea of Mountains	- **British Colombia**
The Spice Island of the East	- **Grenada**
Venice of north	- **Stocklom, Sweden**

White City - Belgrade	- Yugoslavia
World's Bread basket	- Prairies of N .America
World's Loveliest Island	- Tristan da Cunha
Andhra Kesari	- T . Prakasam
Anna	- C. N . Annadurai
Bapuji	- Mahatma Gandhi
Bashah Khan / Frontier Gandhi	- Abdul Ghaffer Khan
Bard of Avon	- William Shakespeare
Bard of Twickenham	- Alexander Pope
Chacha	- Jawaharlal Nehru
Deena Bandhu	- C .F .Andrews
Deshbandhu	- C . R . Das
Desert Fox	- Gen . Ervin Rommel
Golden Women of India	- P . T . Usha
Grand Old Man of India	- Dadabhai Naoroji
Guru Dev	- R N .Tagore
Kuvempu	- K.V . Puttappa
Ike	- Dwight David Eisenhower
Father of Nation	- Mahatma Gandhi
Fuhrer	- Adolf Hitler
Loknayak	- Jayaprakash Narayan
Lady with the Lamp	- Florence Nightingale
Lion of Punjab / Punjab Kesari	- Lala Lajpat Rai
Man of Destiny	- Napoleon
Maiden Queen	- Elizabeth
Maide of Orleans	- Joan of Arc
Rajaji or CR	- C . Rajagopachari
The Cincinnatus of the America	- George Washington
Tiger of Snows	- Tenzing Norgay
Wizard of the North	- Sir Walter Scott
The wall	- Rahul Dravid
Sonu / MR Perfec	- Suresh Raina
NaMo	- Narendra Damodardas Modi

Dates of Indian History

BC

3000-2500 : Indus Valley Civilization
1900 : Aryans conquered northern India
1500 : Rig veda composed
599 : **Birth of Mahavir** at Kundan
576 : **Birth of Gautham Buddha** at Lumbini
527 : Mahavir attains nirvana
483 : **Gautham Buddha** attains nirvana
326 : **Alexander** invades India
321 : Beginning of **Maurya** Dynasty
323 : **Alexander** dies at Babylon
273-232 : Ruling period of Ashoka
261 : Kalinga war (Ashoka's first and last battle)
187 : Beginning of Pushyamitra Dynasty
58 : Caesar begins conquest of Gaul
44 : Murder of Julius Caeser
4 : Birth of Jesus Christ

AD

15 : Beginning of Kushan Dynasty under Kadphises I
29 : Crucifixion of Jesus Christ
78 : Beginning of Saka Era
120-162 : Reign of **Kanishka**
320 : **Gupta** Dynasty begins
405-411 : Chinese pilgrim Fa-hein travelled in India durin **Vikramaditya's period**
606-647 : Reign of **Harshavardhana**
622 : Beginning of Hijri Era
629-645 : **Hiuen - Tsang** of China travels in India
712 : Sind invaded by Mohammed Bin Qasim
753 : Beginning of Rastrakuta Empire
788 : Birth of **Adi Shakarachaya** at Kaladi, Kerala
820 : Death of Sankaracharya
985 : Accession of Raja Raja Cholan, the Great
1012-24 : Reign of Rajendra Chola
1025 : Somanath temple destroyed by **Muhammud Ghazni**
1191 : Prithviraj Chauhan defeats Muhammad Ghori in the **batt of Terain**

1206 : Establishment of **Slave Dynasty** in India by Qutabud-din-Aibak
1210 : Death of **Qutub-ud-din-Aibak**
1221 : Cheng iz Khan of Mongolia invades India
1236 : **Razia Sultan** became Queen of Delhi
1320 : Tughlaq Dynasty founded in India by Ghiyas-ud-din-Tughlaq
1336 : **Vijayanagar Empire** founded in South India
1347 : Bahmani Kingdom founded in South India
1398 : Timur Lang invaded India
1469 : **Guru Nanak's** birth (Founder of Sikhism)
1494 : Accession of Babar in Fargana
1498 : Portuguese sailor **Vasco da Gama** discovers sea route to India
1510 : Goa conquered by Portuguese
1526 : **First battle of Panipat.** Ibrahim Lodi defeated by Babur, Mughal Dynasty established
1556 : **Second battle of Panipat / Reign of Akbar**
1565 : Talikota battle
1571 : Foundation of Fatehpur Sikri
1581 : New divine faith Din-I-Elahi promulgated
1600 : Establishment of **East India Company**
1605 : **Akbar's death**; Jahangir's accession
1627 : Founder of Maratha power **Shivaji's birth**; Death of Jahangir.
1628 : **Shahajahan becomes Mughal Emperor**
1666 : Death of Shahajahan
1675 : Tegh Bhadur ninth sikh Guru executed
1680 : **Shivaji's death**
1707 : Death of **Aurangazeb**
1714 : Establishment of Peshwa Dynasty
1739 : Persian King Nadir Shah invades India
1757 : Battle of Plassey
1760 : Battle of Wandiwash
1761 : **Third battle of Panipat;** Ahmad Sha Abdali defeats the Marathas
1769 : First Mysore war
1770 : Bengal Famine

1773	:	Regulating Act passed which establishes Supreme Court at Calcutta (Kolkata)
1775-82	:	First Anglo-Maratha war
1780-84	:	Second Mysore War
1784	:	Pitt's India Act passed
1793	:	Permanent settlement of Bengal by Lord Cornwallis
1799	:	**Fourth Mysore war; Tippu Sultan's death,** Mysore partitioned
1803-05	:	Second Anglo-Maratha war
1817-19	:	Last Anglo-Maratha war
1829	:	Lord William Bentick prohibits sati system
1853	:	**First Indian Railway line laid between Bombay (Mumbai) and Thane**
1856	:	Birth of Bala Gangadhar Tilak
1857	:	**First Indian war of Independence**
1858	:	East India Company abolished, Indian administration's taken over by British Government
1861	:	**Birth of Rabindranath Tagore**
1863	:	**Birth of Swami Vivekananda**
1869	:	**Birth of Mahatma Gandhi**
1875	:	Arya Samaj founded by Swamy Dayananda Saraswathi
1885	:	Birth of **Indian National Congress**, A.O. Hume becomes the first President
1889	:	**Birth of Jawaharlal Nehru** at Allahabad
1892	:	Indian Council Act passed
1905	:	Lord Curzon partitioned Bengal; Swadeshi Moment launched
1906	:	**Sir Syed Ahmad Khan founded Muslim League**
1909	:	Moreley-Minto reforms introduced; Separate electorates for Muslims provided
1911	:	British Rule Shifted India's Capital from **Kolkata to Delhi;** Partition of Bengal revoked
1914	:	**First World war declared**
1916	:	Home Rule League founded
1918	:	End of first World War.
1919	:	**Jallianwalabagh Massacre**; Rowlatt Act passed
1920	:	Bala Gangadhar Tilak dies; Non-Cooperation Movement started

1921 : Chaura Chauri incident; Suspension of Non-cooperative Movement by Mahatma Gandhi

1927 : Simon commission appointed; Broadcasting started in India

1928 : Simon (commission) visited India, it was opposed by Indians; Death of Lala Laj-Pat Rai

1929 : In Lahore session, congress passes resolution for complete Independence

1930 : **Dandi march by Mahatma Gandhi**; Congress started Civil Disobedience Movement; First Round Table conference held at London

1931 : **Gandhi-Irwin pact reached**; Second Round Table conference held; Civil disobedience Movement withdrawn

1932 : Announcement of communal award, **Mahatma Gandhi** goes on fast; Third Round Table conference held

1935 : Government of India Act, 1935 passed; Burma separated from India

1937 : Provincial autonomy; Popular Governments formed

1939 : **Outbreak of World War II;** Congress Ministry in provinces resigns

1941 : Death of Rabindranath Tagore; Escape of **Subash Chandra Bose** from India

1942 : Quit India Movement started by Congress

1943 : Subash Chandra Bose formes Indian National Army(INA) at Singapore

1945 : World War-II ended. UNO founded on Oct. 24. 1946 Cabinet mission visits India; Interim Government headed by Jawaharlal Nehru formed at the Centre

1947 : ***India Partitioned and gets Independence on August 15th***

1948 : ***Mahatma Gandhi*** was assassinated by Nathuram Godse on January 30th; ***C. Rajagopalachari*** becomes the Governor-General of India

1949 : New Constitution is adopted and signed in India; Ceasefire in Kashmir

1950 : On January 26th ***India becomes Republic***; Death of Sardar Patel; ***Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad*** becomes the first President of India

1951 : First Five Year Plan launched; First Asian Games held at Delhi

1952 : ***First General Elections held***; First Census of populatio is conducted

1953 : **Tenzing and Sir Edmund Hillary** scale mount Everest Andhra Pradesh becomes new state

1954 : Panchasheel agreement signs between India and China

1955 : Hindu Marriage Act passed

1956 : Second Five year plan launched; Insurance companie Nationalised: Reorganisation of Indian States on linguisti basis

1957 : ***Second General Elections held***

1958 : Metric System adopted in India

1960 : India-Pakistan signed Treaty on River Water

1961 : Third Five year plan launched; Liberation of Goa, Dama and Diu

1962 : China Attacks India; ***Third General Elections held; Dr S. Radhakrishnan*** becomes the second President of Indi

1963 : India-Pak talks on Kashmir begins

1964 : Indian Prime Minister ***Jawaharlal Nehru*** passes away; ***La Bahadur Sashtri*** becomes Prime Minister of India

1965 : Indo-Pak War

1966 : India-Pakistan sign Tashkent pact; Death of ***Lal Bahadu Sashtri; Smt. Indira Gandhi*** becomes Prime Minister o India

1967 : ***Fourth General Elections*** held; Preventive Detention ac passed

1969 : Death of President ***Zakir Hussain; V.V. Giri*** become President of India; Indian National Congress splits. 1 Commercial Banks Nationalised

1970 : Lok Sabha dissolved before time; Statehood for Meghalay and Himachal Pradesh

1971 : ***5th General Elections held;*** Out break of ***Indo-Pak war*** Birth of Bangladesh

1972 : Simla Agreement between India and Pakistan; Death of ***C Rajagopalachari***

1973 : ***Mysore State renamed as Karnataka***; Nationalisation o Coal Mines

1974 : ***India's first Nuclear explosion at Pokhran***; Fakhruddi Ali Ahmed becomes President

1975 : India launches its first satellite 'Aryabhatta'; Allahabad High Court sets aside Indira Gandhi's election to Lok Sabha; ***Internal emergency declared in India***

1976 : Diplomatic relations with Pakistan and China restored

1977 : ***6th General Elections held***. Janata Party gets majority in Lok Sabha, ***Morarji Desai became Prime Minister***; ***Emergency revoked***; ***Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy*** becomes President of India.

1978 : Congress splits; India launches Adult Literacy plan

1979 : ***Morarji Desai*** resigns as Prime Minister; Janata Party splits; ***Charan Singh*** becomes the Prime Minister; India launches the second satellite Bhaskara ; ***Charan Singh*** resigns; President dissolves Lok Sabha

1980 : ***7th General Elections*** held/ Congress Party got Majority; ***Smt. Indira Gandhi*** becomes Prime Minister;

1981 : India's first Geostationary experimental communication ***Satellite 'Apple'*** launches

1982 : 9th Asian Games held at Delhi; ***INSAT - 1A*** launched

1983 : ***INSAT-1B*** launched from Sri Harikota, Andhra Pradesh.

1984 : ***Indira Gandhi assassinated; Rajiv Gandhi became Prime Minister of India;*** Rakesh Sharma to be the first Indian in Space; Gas tragedy strikes at Bhopal ; Military action 'Operation Blue Star' in Punjab; ***8th General Election held***, Congress Party comes to power with full majority.

1985 : 7th Five year plan launches; Muhemmud Azhruddin hits a century in each of his first three test innings.

1986 : ***2nd SAARC summit held*** at Bangalore; The first test- tube baby is born in India at the KEM Hospital, Bombay.

1987 : Controversy on Bofors Gun deal erupts; 3rd South Asian Federation Games held at Kolkata; **Sunil Gavaskar** becomes the first man to score **10000** runs in test cricket.

1988 : Surface to Surface missile 'Prithvi' successfully testfired; IRS-1A and INSAT 1C launched; Formation of Janatha Dal at Bangalore; Voting age reduced from 21 to 18 years after passing constitution Amendment Bill.

1989 : ***9th General Election held***; National Front headed by ***V.P. Singh*** forms the new Government at the centre

1990 : V.P. Singh Government declare 27% reservation to Backward classes after accepting Mandal Commission's recommendations; ***V.P. Singh*** resigns after losing vote of confidence; ***Chandra Shekar*** becomes the Prime Minister with the help of Congress(I)

1991 : Chandra Shekar recommends dissolution of Lok Sabha ***Mid term elections announced***; ***Rajiv Gandhi assassinated*** at Sriperambudur near Chennai; Congress gets the majority, ***P.V. Narasimha Rao*** becomes the Prime Minister.

1992 : Eighth Five year plan launches; ***Babri Masjid demolished*** by Hindu organisations; Union government bans five Communal organisations

1993 : More than 300 people killed in serial bomb blats at Mumbai Earthquake at Latur, Maharastra; ***INSAT-2B launched.***

1994 : ***ASLV launches***; Plague breaks out in Surat and other places; ***Aiswarya Rai becomes Miss World 1994***

1995 : Mayawati the first Dalit woman becomes Chief Minister of UP;

1996 : ***11th General Elections held***, no party gets the majority,initially *A.B. Vajpayee* forms the Government and resigns in 13 days; ***H.D. Devegowda formed the next Government with congress support***

1997 : Congress withdraws support to H.D. Devegowda ***Devegowda*** resigns after failure to get vote of confidence ***I.K. Gujaral*** becomes new Prime Minister; Congress (I) withdraws support to I.K. Gujral, Lok Sabha dissolved.

1998 : ***Election to 12th Lok sabha held***; ***A.B. Vajpayee*** heads the new minority government; Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat dissmissed from the post.

1999 : ***A.B. Vajpayee*** resigns from the post of P.M as AIADMK withdraws support ; Lok Sabha dissolved; ***Large scale intrusion at Kargil by Pakistan army and militants***; India counter attacks, many dies and were wounded; 13th Lok Sabha Election held NDA gets majority ***A.B. Vajpayee*** becomes Prime Minister again (13th Oct); Nearly 10,000 people killed in super cyclone in Orissa (Oct 30th); ***Indian***

Aeroplane hijacked (Dec 24) and released on Dec. 31st

2000 : US President ***Bill Clinton*** visits India, Film maker Hrishikesh Mukherjee selected for the prestigious Dada **Saheb Phalke award for the year 1999**

2001 : Corruption in defence deals exposed by website Tehelka.com.; Former Bandit queen and MP **Pholan Devi** shot dead; New census puts India's population at 102,70,15,247.

2002 : **L.K. Advani** becomes Deputy Prime Minister of India; **A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** sworn in as 11th President of India, **Bairon Singh Shekhawat** elected as the Vice-President of India; India launched it's first Weather Satellite METSAT from Sriharikota(Andhra Pradesh); Union cabinet approves **10th Five year plan(2002-2007);** Film Maker **Yash Chopra gets Dada Saheb Phalke** award for the year 2001; Former Vice-President of India **B.D. Jatti** dies; Kannada Film 'Dweepa' gets national award as the best film.

2003 : LS passes bill seeking to make stringent punishment for disrespect to the National Flag and Symbols; Indian film director **Adoor Gopalakrishnan** chosen for the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters award the second highest honour to a civilian by French Government.

2004 : Former Karnataka Chief Minister **Ramakrishna Hegde** passes away; **The NDA Government falls in the centre,** No Party gets clear majority in Lok Sabha elections and no Party gets clear majority in Karnataka assembly elections; **Y.S. Rajashekar Reddy** sworn in as new the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; ***Dr. Manmohan Singh*** sworn in as the Prime Minister of India; **Somanath Chattarjee of CPI(M)** assumes as **Lok Sabha Speaker;** Indian Atomic Scientist Dr. Raja Ramanna Passes away.; **Congress and NCP** gets majority in Maharastra assembly eletion; Country's most wanted brigand ***Veerappan*** shot dead by STF; Leg spinner **Anil Kumble** breaks Kapil dev's record for most test wickets by **claming his 435th scalp** in his 91st match; Musician **M.S.Subbulakshmi** passes away; P.V.Narasimha Rao passes away.

2005 : **Dr. V. Shanta,** Chairperson of Chennai-based Cancer Institute, wins the **Ramon Magsaysay Award 2005**; Tamil actor-turned politician Vijayakanth floated new party Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (National Progressive Dravida Party) at Madurai; India's former President **K.R. Narayanan** passes away; Veteran Parliamentarian and former Union minister **Madhu Dandavate** passes away; India's most advanced and powerful communication satellite INSAT 4A launched by an Ariane-5 rocket in Kourou, French Guyana.

2006 : Eighty sixth Mahamastakabhisheka Mahotsava held at Shravanabelagola; Janata Dal(S) leader, H.D. Kumaraswamy becomes Chief Minister of Karnataka; Kannada film star Dr. Rajkumar passes away; Head of the Parivarthan Anti-corruption activist **Aravind Kejriwal** awarded Magsaysay; The maestro's Shehnai Ustad Bismillah Khan passes away; Bangalore woman Ruth Manorama wins Right Livelihood Award (alternative to Nobel). BSP founder Kanshi Ram passes away; Kiran Desai wins **Booker Prize** for her novel ***The Inheritance Of Loss***.

2007 : Pratibha Patel sworn in as 12th President of India; Government of India to declared 2007 as **'Water Year';** India and Russia sign a 'Memorandum of Intent' to add four units to the nuclear power plant under construction at Koodankulam in Tamil Nadu; First time BSP wins 206 seats in Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections; Sachin Tendulkar reaches the total of 15,000 ODI runs; The former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar passes away; World Champion Shooter **Manavjit Singh Sandhu** got prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award for the year 2006.

2008 : Karnataka's prestigious `Golden Chariot' inuagarated by President Pratibha Patel; India sets a record when its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C9), launched from Sriharikota(AP); Bengaluru International Airport (BIA) at Devanahalli starts operating; BJP's B.S. Yeddyurappa becomes chief minister of Karnataka; Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw (94) Passed away.; Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

Award to Mahendra Singh Dhoni; India's historic maiden mission to the moon, *Chandrayaan*-I, was launched from Sriharikota (AP); Aravind Adiga wins Booker Prize for *The White Tiger;* Former Prime Minister V.P. Singh passes away in New Delhi.

2009 : 15th Lok Saba Election result : **Party Position : UPA : Total 262, NDA Total 157, Third Front :** Left 22, BSP 21, JD(S) - 3, AIADMK -9, TDP- 6, TRS -2, BJD -14, Others -3 **Total 80, Fourth Front :** SP -23 RJD- 4 **Total 27 Independent and Other Parties** 17; Dr. Manmohan Singh was sworn in as the Prime Minister 2nd time ; A six member army team led by Major Amit Aukta becomes the first Indian team to climb the 8,147 metre Mount Dhaulagiri, the seventh highest peak in the World; Beijing Olympics 2008 Bronze medallists wrestler Sushil Kumar and Pugilist Vijendra Singh and four time boxing world champion M.C. Mary Kom's honours with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award; Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy and four others killed in the chopper crash; President Pratibha Patil presents the Dadasaheb Phalke award to music legend Manna Dey.

2010 : Former West Bengal CM Jyoti Basu dies in Kolkata ; A R Rahman gets two Grammys at the 52nd Grammy Awards for his Oscar winning music in 'Slumdog Millionaire' ; Sanchin Tendulkar becomes the first cricketer in the history to score a double century in an ODI ; Womens Reservation Bill was Passed in Rajya Sabha ; Cameraman **VK Murthy** was honoured with Dada Saheb Phalke; *Badminton* player Saina Nehwal gets Rajiv **Gandhi Khel Ratna Award**; India was elected to the board of UN women.

2011 : Bharatha Ratna **Bhima Sen Joshi** passes away; Tamil Film Director **K Balachander** wins Dadasaheb Phalke award for 2010; India's **Vikas Gowda** wins the discus Gold at the OTC Invitational meet in California, USA; Two Indians **Dr. Harish Hande and Ms. Nileema Mishra** wins the Ramon Magsaysay award for 2011; Mr. D V Sadananda Gowda becomes the Chief Minister of Karnataka; Ace shooter

Gagan Narang received the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award for 2011; **Satya Sai** passes away.

2012 : Election results for five state ssemblies are announced; Samajwadi Party (Uttar Pradesh), Bhartiya Janata Party (Goa), Indian National Congress (Manipur & Uttarakhand), Shiromani Akali Dal - BJP combine (Punjab) emerge winners; Rahul Dravid announces retirement from international cricket ; **Soumitra Chatterjee** selected for Dadasaheb Phalke award; Sachin Tendulkar, Rekha and Anu Aga nominated to Rajya Sabha by the President of India; **Jagadish Shettar** sworn in as new Karnataka Chief Minister; **Pranab Mukherjee** is elected as India's 13th President; **Hamid Ansari** again elected as consecutively second vice-president of India after Dr. Radha Krishnan; India lifted the Under-19 World Cup Cricket for third time; London Olympics heroes **Vijaya Kumar and Yogeshwar Dutt** jointly awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna. India lift Nehru Cup for third time in thrilling way India made history by winning the Nehru Cup football title after defeating a higher ranked Cameroon (2-2) 5-4 via the penalty shootout; **Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajegowda** wins first medal at the Paralympic Games, bagged a silver in the Men's High Jump F42 event in London; ISRO's 100th space mission,PSLV C-21, takes off from Sriharikota / **Varghese Kurien**, the architech of India's White revolution(Milk) passes away.

2013 : Mumbai wins Ranji Trophy final 40th time(2012-13) Miss Patiala **Navneet Kaur Dhillon** wins Miss India 2013; The man with the golden voice P.B. Srinivas passes away; South India's first **double decker** train between Chennai - Bengaluru inaugurated; President Pranab Mukherjee conferred Bollywood **legend Pran** with **the Dadasaheb Palke award; Mr. Siddaramaiah** was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka; Kerala launches the India's first tourist **Seaplane** service; The 11.21-km-long and is Asia's second **longest tunnel** (Rail link) was inaugurated by PM in Kashmir.(First China's Wushaoling); India launches its first **Navigation Satellite** from Sriharikota; Bengaluru

International Airport renamed as "Kempe Gowda International Airport"; **Shikhar Dhawan** becomes the highest score by an Indian in limited overs cricket (He score 248 off 150 balls in a match between India A & S Africa A in Pritoria; Defence minister A K Antomy launched India's first digenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant at the Cochin Shipyard; India's first **Navy satellite GSAT-7**. launched from Kourou spaceport of French Guiana; Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awarded to Olympian shooter **Ronjan Sodhi;** Leander Peas wins his 14th career Grand Slam title at the age of 40 in US open tennis mixed doubles final pairing with Radek Stepanek; **Rev E Puspalalitha** becomes the first woman Bishop of CSI at Karnool; **Virat Kohli** scored the fastest centuary ever by an Indian in 52 balls against Australia at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur. Legendary playback singer **Manna Dey** (Prabodchandra Dey) passes away; **Rahit Sharma** becomes the third double century (209) maker in ODIs and 16 number of sixers recorded by him to create cricket history in ODI; The 44.4m PSLV-C25 carrying in its head India's first Mars(Nearly four lakh km away) orbiter, lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota; **Sachin Tendulkar** reaches his 200th Test Match. he played his last and final Test Match at Wankhede stadium in Mumbai against West Indies(He ended his 24-year-long International cricket career); First women bank (**Bharatiya Mahila Bank**) inaugurated by PM Manmohan Singh in Mumbai; Mumbai's 14 year old **Prithvi Pankaj Shaw** created a world record after scoring 546 runs off 330balls(85fours, 5 sixes), for Rizvi Springfild School against St Francis D'Assisi; The scion of the Mysore royal family, **Srikantadatta Narasimharaja** Wadiyar passes away; Kannada writer and linguistics scolar **DN Shankara Bhat** has been selected for Karnataka govt's the 2012 Pampa award. The Lokpal bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha; C N Ramachandran has been selected for Sathitya Akadami award in Kannada category; Aam Admi Party leader **Arvind Kejriwal** and his six Cabinet colleagues were sworn in as Chief Minister and Ministers of Delhi.

2014 : India's first Monorail (8.93km -long) between Chembur and Wadala in Mumbai inuagurates ; Karnataka cricket team defeated Maharashtra by seven wicket to win Ranji Trophy 2013-14 ; Scientist **CNR Rao** and Batting legend **Sachin Tendulkar** were conferred "Bharat Ratna" award ; The India's second navigation satellite, IRNSS-1B successfully launches from Sriharikota ; **Lyricist Gulzar** to gets Dadasaheb Phalke award for 2013 ; The Supreme Court has recognised the transgender community as a third gender along with male and female ; Justice Rajendra Mal Lodha sworn in as Chief Justice of India ; **The 16th Lok Sabha Election in India,** Result- BJP the first non-Congress party to wins absolute majority(Janata Party which won in 1977, was actually a coalition of 4 parties) ; Prime Minister Manmohan Singh resigns ; **Narendra Damodardas Modi** becomes the Indai's 15th Prime Minister ; **Mallikarjuna Kharge** becomes Leader of opposition in Lok Sabha ; **K. Chandrasekhar Rao** was sworn in as the first CM of Telangana, the India's 29th state ; TDP's president **Mr. Chandrababu Naidu** took oath as the first Chief minister of Andhra Pradesh at Nagarjuna Sagar, AP ; Pampa award conferred on **Kayyara Kinhanna Rai** ; **Amit Shah** becomes president of BJP ; India clinched their first Test win at the historic Lord's(England) after 28 years ; Dipa Karmakar became the first Indian woman to win a medal in artistic gymnastics at a major sporting event (Commonwealth Games) at Glasgow ; AIADMK leader M. Thanbidurai unanimously elected as deputy speaker of Lok Sabha ; The India's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) spacecraft **"Mangalayan"** successfully entered the red Planet's orbit, India became the country

first to do so in its first attempt ; **Swachh Bharat or Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** (Clean India) campaign was launched at Rajghat, New Delhi, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself wielded broom and cleaned a road ; **Manohar Lal Khattar** takes oath as Haryana's first BJP chief minister ; Pankaj Advani wins his 12th (Third Double Title) World Billiards Champion crown at Leeds(England) ; **Devendra Gangadhar Rao Fadnavis** becomes the BJP's first Chief Minister of Maharastra ; India's **Rohit Sharma** hits 264runs the highest score in an international limited overs cricket against Sri Lanka at Eden Garden, he also becomes only cricketer to score 2 ODI double tons (He also hit a record 33 fours & 9 sixes, making a 42 boundaries); **Dilip Vengsarkar** receives the BCCI Lifetime achievement award and Bhuvneshwar Kumar was awarded cricker of the year ; World's first White Tiger Safari (**Mohan White Tiger Safari**) came up at Mukundapur Zoo near Rawa in Madhya Pradesh ; President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurates the first **Commonwealth Science Conferance** in Bengaluru ; Isro gets closer to manned mission, The GSLV Mark III rocket (Tests crew module) lifts off from Sriharikota; Atletico de Kolkata team wins the inaugural Indian Super League(Football) in Mumbai against Kerala Blasters (1-0) ; Founder of Banaras Hindu University and freedom fighter (President of Indian National Congress in 1909, 1918) **Madan Mohan Malaviya** and Former PM (1996), (1998), (1999-2004) **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** were chosen for Bharat Ratna 2014 ; **MS Dhoni** retires from Test Cricket in Australia ; Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha passes Telangana bill, Resolution for bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh(Telangana & Seemandhra) / Odia gets the status of a classical languege.

2015 : **Madhu Kinnar(35)** Dalit eunuch, who contested a an independent wins Raigarh mayoral election i Chhattisgarh ; Eminent scientist **A S Kiran Kuma** has been appointed as chairman of ISRO ; H S Brahm becomes the chief election commissioner of India Cartoonist **R.K. Laxman** died in Pune ; India's Longes Range Ballistic Missile **"Agni 5"** successfully test-firec Aam Aadmi Party secured absolute majority in Delh the assembly election(Wins 67 of the 70 seats) an **Arvind Kejriwal** becomes CM; **Virat Kohli** become the first Indian to score a centuary(107) in an India Pak World cup match; PM Narendra Modi launche rail link to Arunachal Pradesh ; **Yaduveer Gopal Ra Urs** was declared as the new heir to the Mysuru roya family by Pramoda Devi Wodeyar. ; **Karnataka win 8th Ranji Trophy**(2014-15) title ; Hindi Actor **Shash Kapoor** was choosen for the "Dadasaheb Phalk Award for 2014" ; Sitaram Yechury took over as th fifth general secretary of CPI(M) ; India's Missile mar turned-people's President **Avul Pakir Jainulabdee Abdul Kalam** passes away, Dr.APJ Kalam collapse while delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute c Management, Shillong, ; Whistleblower bureaucra **Sanjeev Chaturvedi,** and NGO Goonj founder **Ansh Gupta** were chosen for the 2015 Ramon Magaysa award along with three others ; Kannada poet and writ **Kayyara Kinhanna Rai** passes away ; **Zaheer Kha and Virender Sehwag** announces retirement fro International cricket ; Karnataka's **Vyachakuruhal** of Gauribidanur taluk becomes the India's 1st smokele village, fully switch from conventional fual to LPG Kannada writer **K.V.Tirumalesh** has been selecte for the Sahitya Akademi award for 2015 ; **Sye Kirmani** gets the Col CK Nayudu Lifetin

achievement award for 2015 ; India's **Ravichandran Ashwin** named No.1 Test bowler in ICC rankings issued, he was the 2nd Indian bowler ever after Bishen Bedi in 1973(**Ashwin took 65** wickets in 9 tests in 2015) ; Gujarati writer Raghuveer Chaudhary was chosen for 51st Jnanpith award.

Who's Who

Union Government

Mr. Pranab Mukherjee	: President
Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari	: Vice-President and Chairman of Rajya Sabha
Ms. Sumitra Mahajan	: Lok Sabha Speaker
Mr. P.J. Kurien	: Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
Mrs. Sonia Gandhi	: UPA Chairperson
Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad	: Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha)
Arup Raha	: Chief of the Air Staff
Dalbir Singh Suhag	: Chief of Army Staff
Admiral Sunil Lanba	: Chief of the Naval Staff
Pradeep Kumar Simha	: Cabinet Secretary

Union Council of Ministers

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Mr. Narendra Damodardas Modi: Prime Minister
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Mrs. Sushma Swaraj	: External Affairs, Overseas Indian Affairs
Mr. Arun Jaitley	: Finance, Corporate Affairs, Information & Broadcasting

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2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Kalikho Pul	J P Rajkhowa
3.	Assam	Sarbananda Sonowal	Padmanabha Acharya
4.	Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Ram Nath Kovind
5.	**Chattisgarh**	**Dr. Raman Singh**	**B Dass Tandon**

State	Chief Minister	Governor
6. Goa	Laxmikant Parsekar	Mridula Sinha
7. Gujarat	Anandiben Patel	O.P.Kohli
8. Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar	Kaptan S Solanki
9. Himachal Pradesh	Virbhadra Singh	Acharya Dev Vrat
10. Jammu&Kashimir	Mehbooba Mufti	N.N. Vohra
11.Jharkhand	Raghuvar Das	Droupadi Murmu
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24. Tamil Nadu	J Jayalalithaa	Dr. K. Rosaiah
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26. Tripura	Manik Sarkar	Tathagata Roy
27.Uttarpradesh	Akhilesh Yadav	Ram Naik
28. Uttarkhand	Harish Rawat	Krishan Kant Paul
29.West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee	K N Tripathi

NATIONAL CAPITAL & UNION TERRITORIES

Delhi (National Capital)	Aravind Kejriwal -	Najeeb Jung (Lieutenant Governor)
Andaman & Nicobar	-	Lt.Gen.(Retd)A.K.Singh
Chandigarh	-	Kaptan S Solanki (Administrator)
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	Ashish Kundra (Administrator)
Daman and Diu	-	Ashish Kundra (Administrator)
Lakshadweep	-	Vijayakumar (Administrator)
Puducherry	----------	Kiran Bedi ((Lieutenant Governor)

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R. Roshan Baig	: Infrastructure Development, Haj and Information

MINISTERS OF STATE WITH INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

Dinesh Gundu Rao	:	Food and Civil Supplies
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T. Parameshwar Naik	:	Labour
Kimmane Ratnakara	:	Primary Education

BCCI's Awards for 2014-15

*Polly Umrigar Award for international cricketer of the year: Virat Kohli
*CK Nayudu Award for lifetime achievement: Syed Kirmani
*Madhavrao Scindia Award for most runs in Ranji Trophy: Robin Uthappa
*Madhavrao Scindia Award for most wickets in Ranji Trophy: Vinay Kumar & Shardul Thakur
*Best Cricket Association of the Year for overall performance: Karnataka
*M A Chidambaram Trophy for best Under-16 cricketer: Shubman Gill
*M A Chidambaram Trophy for best Under-19 cricketer: Anmolpreet Singh
*M A Chidambaram Trophy for best Under-23 cricketer: Almas Shaukat
*M A Chidambaram Trophy for best woman cricketer: Mithali Raj
*M A Chidambaram Trophy for best woman junior cricketer: Devika Vaidya
*Best Umpire: O. Nandan
*Lala Amarnath Award for best all-rounder in Ranji Trophy: Jalaj Saxena
*Lala Amarnath Award for best all-rounder in limited-overs tournaments: Deepak Hooda

Events of 2016

Jan02 : Veteran CPI leader **A.B. Bardhan** passes away.

Jan03 : **Kerala** (India's Greyest State) population boasts the the highest proportion of above-80s with 1.2% share of all India and 1.6% of its population made of those aged 80 and above.

Jan05 : The class 10 student from the KC Gandhi School in Kalyan **Pranab Dhanawade** becomes the first batsman in any class of cricket to score 1,000 runs in a single innings at the Wayle Maidan, 1009 not out off 323 with 56 sixes and 129 fours (His unbeeaten 1009 broke the earlier record set by 13-year-old Englishman Arthur Collins(628*)1899.

Jan07 : Jammu & Kashmir's CM **Mufti Mohammed Sayeed** Passes away.

Jan09 : The Karnataka Sahitya Academy presented its annual(2013) awards to writer **K.S.Bhagavan.**

Jan10 : The Telangana becomes first state to make gender education compusory.

Jan16 : Services wins **Senior National Basketball Championships** at Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Mysuru.

Jan17 : India's **Virat becomes** fastest to score 7,000 ODI runs and fastest hits 24 tons, the milestone both in terms of innings played and time taken(7yrs,152dyas).

Jan19 : **Prof.Sheik Ali gets first** The Karnataka Book Authority's Kalburgi Award.

Jan26 : Dhirubhai Ambani, Anupam Kher, Dr V Shanta, V.K.Aatre, H.R.Nagendra, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, M.M.Joshi, Rajanikanth, Priyanka Chopra, Sania Mizra, Saina Nehwal and S.L.Bhyrappa are the Padma Awards recipients for 2016.

Jan28 : Karnataka's Davengere & Belagavi selected for Centre hand-picks 20 smart cities for first phase of plan.

Jan29 : Sania Mirza & Martina Hingis wins their first Australian Open women's double title / India's men & women

cricket team wins T20 series in Australia.

Jan31 : Team India chase down Australia's 197/5 to complete T20 series whitewash 3-0 and moved to top spot in T20 ranking.

Feb01 : TN's **Archana Ramasundaram** has been appointed as director general of Sashastra Seema Bal(SSB), She is the first women IPS officer to head the Para-military Organization.

Feb03 : 2-time Lok Sabha speaker **Balaram Jakhar** dies.

Feb11 : **Lance Naik Hanumanthappa Koppan** dies, whose miraculous survival days after an avalanche hit an Army camp on the Siachen Glacier (he was rescued alive 5 days after having been buried under 35 feet of snow, along with nine other soldiers).

Feb14 : Malayalam Poet **O.N.V.Kurup** passes away / West India wins **2016 Under-19 Cricket World Cup**.

Feb15 : Heritage city **Mysuru** was adjudged the cleanest city in India / Sindh is first Pakistan province to adopt Hindu Marrige Bill.

Feb23 : *Karnataka Zilla & Taluk Panchayat Elections Result 2016*-ZP(30) : Cong -10, BJP-7, JDS-2 and Hung - 11. TP(175) : Cong-56, BJP-56, JD(S) - 20 and Hung - 43.

Feb25 : Indian Railway Budget 2016-17

Feb29 : The **88th Academy(Oscar) Awards Highlights**

Best Picture - Spotlight

Most awards - Mad Max: Fury Road (6)

Most nominations - The Revenant (12)

Best Actor - Leonardo DiCaprio (The Revenant)

Best Actress - Brie Larson (Room)

Best Director - Alejandro González Iñárritu (The Revenant)

Best Supporting Actor - Mark Rylance (Bridge of Spies)

Best Supporting Actress - Alicia Vikander (The Danish Girl)

Best Foreign Language Film - Son of Saul László Nemes

Best Documentary Feature - Amy Asif Kapadia, James Gay-Rees
Best Sound Mixing - Gregg Rudloff (Mad Max: Fury Road)
Priyanka Chopra & Liev Schreiber *were the Presenters of the award for Best Film Editing.*

Mar05 : The **2016 Pro Kabaddi League season** three the Patna Pirates team wins against U Mumba(31-28).

Mar06 : **India's** cricket team wins Asia cup against Bangladesh (Score: Bangladesh 120/5 in 15overs and 122/2 in 13.5 overs).

Mar10 : **Rest of India** chase down big target 480 runs to win **Irani** (cricket) cup aganst Ranji Champion Mumbai.

Mar11 : Lok Sabha clears Aadhaar Bill, providing statutory backing to it.

Mar21 : Cuba's **President Raul Castro** & U.S.President **Barack Obama** meets in Havana's Revolution Palace.

Apr03 : **West Indies** cricket women's & men's team wins the ICC's World Twenty20 title at Edan Garden in Kolkata.(**Score Women Team :** Australia 148/5 in 20 overs & West Indies 149/2 in 19.3 overs, **Men Team :** England 155/9 in 20 overs & 161/6 in 19.4 overs.

Apr04 : **Mehbooba Mufti** took oath as Jammu & Kashmir's first woman chief minister.

Apr09 : Femina Miss India beauty pageant was held in Mumbai where Aditi Arya crowned her successor Priyadarshini Chatterjee as Miss India World 2016.

Apr22 : Subramanya Swamy, Narendra Jadhav, Cricker NS Sidhu, Actor Suresh Gopi, and Boxer MC Mary Kom nominated to Rajya Sabha.

Apr27 : Pakistan Sikhs open Peshawar's **Gurdwara** after 73 years.

Apr29 : Namma Metro's Purple Line (East-West corridor) train services fully inaugurated.

May03 : Thespian Manoj Kumar receives Dadasaheb Phalke award.

May04 : Labour party's **Sadiq Khan** becomes London's first Muslim Mayor.

May07 : RCB's Virat Kohli becomes first skipper to score twin tons in an IPL season.

May12 : **Shashank Manohar** becomes ICC's first independent chairman.

May17 : **Karnataka State film award 2015**

Best Film - 1. Thithi, 2. Marikondavaru, 3. Mythri

Best Director - Raam Reddy ***film :***Thithi

Best Actor - Vijay Raghavendra ***film*:** Shivayogi Sri Puttajjayya

Best Actress -Malashree **film:** Ganga

Best Supporting Actor - Ramesh Bhat ***film:*** Mana Manthana

Best Supporting Actress - Pooja S.M. ***film***: Thithi

Best Male Playback Singer - Santhoshi Venki ***film:*** Preetiyalli Sahaja

Best Female Playback Singer -Dr. Shamita Malnad ***film:*** Bekku

Best Screenplay - Shashank, Raghukovi ***film:*** Krishna Leela

Best Music Director - Sridhar V. Sabhram ***film:*** Krishna Leela

May19 : **Five Assembly Election 2016 results :**

Assam Total - **126 :** BJP+ - 86, Cong - 26, AIUDF - 13, Others - 1.

Kerala Total - **140:** LDF(CPM+) - 91, UDF(Cong+) - 47, BJP - 1, Others - 1.

Puducherry Total - **30 :** DMK+Cong - 17, AINRC - 8, AIADMK - 4, Others - 1.

Tamil Nadu Total - **234:** AIADMK+ -134, DMK+Cong - 97,Others- 1.

West Bengal Total - **294 :** TMC - 211, Left(CPM) + Cong -76, BJP- 3, Others - 4.

May22 : **HPCA's chief Anurag Thakur** becomes BCCI' president / India's first woman IPS officer(Retired **Kiran Bedi** named as Lieutenant governor o Puducherry.

May23 : U.S. lifts arms ban on Vietnam / **Jayalalithaa** wa sworn in as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister.

May24 : Sarbananda Sonowal was sworn in as the 14th Chie Minister of Assam

May25 : CPM strongman **Pinaray Vijayan was sworn in a Kerala** Chief Minister.

May27 : **Mamata Banerjee** was sworn in as West Benga Chief Minister for 2nd time.

May29 : **Sunrisers Hyderabad** wins their maiden IPL titl after edging out RCB by eight runs.

May31 : **Admiral Sunil Lanba** takes chage as Navy Chief.

June01 : World's longest and deepest(57-km, from Erstfeld t Bodio and 2.3km deep under the Mountain) **Gotthar Base rail tunnel** opens in Switzerland.

World's Five Longest Tunnels (For Trains and Cars)

Tunnel	Country	Year	Km
Gotthard Base Tunnel	Switzerland	2016	57 km
Seikan Tunnel	Japan	1988	53.9 km
Euro Tunnel	France-UK	1994	50.5 km
Yulhyeon Tunnel	South Korea	2015	50.3 km
Lotschberg Base Tunnel	Switzerland	2007	34.6 km

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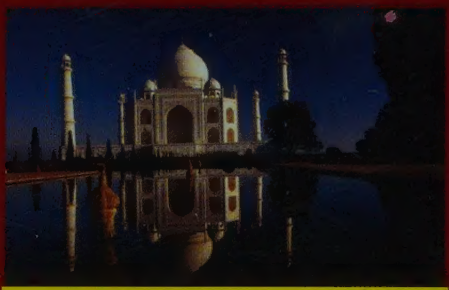

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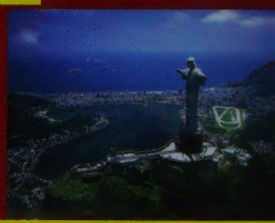

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